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## BRITAIN BREAKS WITH HANKOW.

### FAREWELL LETTER TO CHEN.

### DEPARTURE OF BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE.

### HANKOW TROOPS EXPECTED TO REvolt.

### IMMINENT CLASH FEARED.

Owing to the fact that the Hankow regime is "so totally incapable of discharging the responsibilities of a civilised government, it is both useless and undesirable to retain there the British Minister's representative." This is the stern language used by Mr. Basil Newton, the British diplomatic representative at Hankow, in the course of a farewell letter addressed to Mr. Eugene Chen.

The letter cites the failure of the Hankow administration to keep the terms of the Agreement regarding the ex-British Concession, and says that the authority for whom Mr. Eugene Chen speaks has failed to make good its claim to govern in accordance with the standards of a responsible modern government.

Owing to a defection of troops within the city itself there is imminent prospect of a revolt at Hankow, a concentration of so-called anti-Red troops having taken place on the race course. It is thought that a clash cannot long be delayed. Panic among the Chinese population is increasing, and many are crowding, with their belongings, into the foreign districts.

A Japanese destroyer, lying off Chinkiang, was struck by shells during the course of an aimless bombardment yesterday, and at midnight replied effectively with her main armament, shelling the Northern batteries for nearly two hours.

The defeated remnants of the Northern forces which garrisoned Shanghai immediately prior to the Southern capture of that city, are gathering at Soochow, where they have come under fire from the Southern batteries. It is reported that they are receiving aid from some of Sun Chuan-fang's troops.

### A SOUTHERN DEFEAT REPORTED.

Shanghai, May 18. The seat of a regime so totally incapable of discharging the responsibilities of a civilised government, it is both useless and undesirable." He is therefore leaving forthwith. —Reuter.

#### HANKOW REVOLT IMMINENT.

Defection Within City.

Hankow, May 18. Not only is Chiang Kai-shek's net gradually closing round Hankow, but there is understood to have been a defection of troops in the city itself, and a clash is feared at any moment now.

The anti-Red troops have concentrated, it is reliably reported, at the Chinese Racecourse in Hankow, and the opinion is expressed that open hostility between these forces and those loyal to the Hankow Government cannot be long delayed.

In view of the tension, the apprehension of the Chinese civil population is increasing almost hourly. They are crowding into the British Concession and the foreign districts, carrying with them all their personal belongings. It is becoming increasingly difficult to keep with the situation.

General Sha Tao-ying, who turned Nationalist last year, and who has now declared himself to be on the side of the anti-Reds, has now a point only twenty miles from Wuchang with his troops. His army is rapidly advancing on Wuchang and an engagement may be expected shortly.

Concerning General Yang Son, who is said to have linked up with Wu Pei-fu's forces, there is no further information at present. —Naval Wireless.

#### SOUTH DEFEAT?

An Unconfirmed Report.

Wuhu, May 18. The Northerners are reported to be making a drive on the Luan-chow to Lake Ho-chow front, and though confirmation has not come through, it is reported that the Nationalists were severely defeated at Luchow, and are retiring. Luchow is an important city just north of the western end of Lake Ho-chow. The British Government is "forced to the conclusion that the retention of Wuhu remains quiet." —Our Own Correspondent.

The letter concludes with a declaration that while there is no change in the British policy towards the aspirations of the Chinese people, it is clear that those for whom Mr. Chen spoke failed to make good their claim to govern in accordance with the standards of a responsible modern government. Therefore, the British Government is "forced to the conclusion that the retention of Wuhu remains quiet." —Our Own Correspondent.

#### NORTHERN WITHDRAW.

A Parting Salvo.

Nanking, May 18. The Nationalists were unable to dislodge the Northern field gun positions on the hill behind Pukow, but yesterday it would appear the Northerners decided to evacuate, after giving the Nationalists a few parting shots.

The guns opened up an explosive fire on an armoured train in Pukow, and on the batteries at Lion and Tiger Hills, keeping up the shell-fire all the forenoon. Afterwards nothing more was heard of the guns, and towards evening the Southern troops were observed to be advancing slowly up the hill, which had been deserted by the Northerners.

It is understood that the Shantung troops are now withdrawn to a place about 15 miles north of Pukow.

Large numbers of Southern troops are crossing the river to the north bank about ten miles above Nanking. A cruiser is covering the crossings. —Naval Wireless.

#### JAPANESE HIT BACK.

Destroyer Shells Batteries.

Chinkiang, May 18. About midnight last night a Japanese destroyer which had been lying at anchor, suddenly woke up into life and began to shell the Northern batteries. Apparently the destroyer had been hit in the course of an aimless bombardment of the district by the Northern guns, which lasted all day and well into the night.

It is not known whether the Japanese destroyer was deliberately fired on. She got under way and replied to the Northern fire with her main armament for nearly two hours. —Naval Wireless.

The destroyer was the Japanese destroyer Momo, which had on board a Japanese Foreign Office Mission. A warrant officer on the bridge was wounded when the vessel was struck.

#### THREAT TO SHANGHAI.

Northern Remnants Provocative.

Shanghai, May 19. Owing to the activity of the northern warships in the Shanghai region, Admiral Yang Shu-chang, the Nationalist naval commander-in-chief, has postponed his trip to Fukien to take the office of Provincial Government chairman there, but is remaining in Shanghai to direct defensive operations.

There is still a large force of remnants of the Shantung army on the north bank of Soochow, and these, together with Sun Chuan-fang's troops, are attempting to cross the river. The Nationalist batteries are shelling them.

Resistance Near Pukow.

Eight thousand Shantung soldiers still remain on the railway line between Pukow and Wu-ye, although the main Shantung force has retreated to Chuchow.

The Nationalists from Chuan-chao are attempting to destroy the railway track above Wu-ye, so as to cut the Shantung force's means of retreat by rail.

General Pak Wen-hwei telegraphs that the Shantung army surrounding Hefei (Aphwei) has been routed. —*Nam Chung Pao*.

#### SWATOW EXCITEMENT.

Troops Cause Apprehension.

Swatow, May 17. Martial law was declared suddenly here to-day, and considerable uneasiness was caused among foreigners when they were stopped in the streets and ordered to return to their homes.

The foreign Consuls were notified, and the defence forces were seen to be getting ready for any trouble. The Marines prepared their equipment in case of a sudden call, and the Japanese cruiser in port was observed to swing out her boats, manned in readiness for any emergency, in which they might have been called upon to guard their nationals.

It transpired that all the excitement was caused by the arrival of about 1,000 soldiers, who came in seven junks, and whose sympathies, whether "Red" or anti-Red, were doubtful. It was surmised that they were reinforcements from Fukien. The men were found to be unarmed, and only carried umbrellas, and it seemed to be a problem for the officials what to do with them. Up to the time of writing, the status of these troops is still a moot point. —Our Own Correspondent.

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#### DARING RAID ON A JUNK.

#### EARLY MORNING INCIDENT AT YAUMATI.

#### JUNK MASTER SHOT.

A daring raid was carried out by armed robbers in the small hours of this morning on a trading junk, while it was moored at Yaumati Bay.

Five men went alongside in a dinghy, and, meeting with resistance from the crew, shot the master of the junk in the chest. They then escaped in the dinghy without being able to carry out the object of their mission.

The case as related at Police Headquarters this morning, is that, awakened from sleep by the noise of a scuffle, the master's wife went up on deck, and saw her husband struggling with an armed man, while her son and his wife were being secured by three other robbers. Screaming "Save life" and blowing a police whistle, the woman eluded an attempt by the robbers to seize her, and jumped overboard. She escaped by swimming ashore.

A shot was fired aboard the junk, and, when she later returned with the police, the junkmaster was lying on the deck seriously wounded. The other members of the crew were unharmed. Of the raiders there was no sign. Nothing was stolen from the boat.

The wounded junk master was removed ashore to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

#### HOSPITAL ROOF FALLS IN.

#### PATIENTS HAVE NARROW ESCAPES.

Swatow, May 17.

A thunder clap about 10 o'clock this evening jarred the roof of the Mission Hospital here, and the roof fell through the ceiling into a ward where there were a number of patients.

Several of the patients were hurt, but none very seriously. Some of the beds were crumpled by the force of the falling roof, but fortunately the patients had lucky escapes from fatal injuries.

A subsequent investigation showed that white ants had weakened the roof timbers, and the jarring effect of the thunder had hastened the collapse. —Our Own Correspondent.

#### COLONIAL TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

#### MOTORS TO BE AUXILIARY TO RAILWAYS.

London, May 18.

Transport problems were discussed at the Colonial Conference, and special attention was paid to the increasing competition of motor transport with the railways.

The consensus of opinion emphasized the necessity of maintaining the railways as the backbone of the transport systems, and that road programmes should be carried out in consultation with the railway administrations, to assure motors being auxiliary to railways instead of competitors. —Our Own Correspondent.

#### TRADES UNION BILL DRAGS ON.

#### CLAUSE ONE ADOPTED AFTER SEVERAL DAYS.

London, May 18.

Several days' committee stage of the Trades Union Bill were concluded by the adoption of Clause 1, by 295 to 156, comprising several Government clarifying amendments.

All the Opposition amendments were previously rejected or guillotined under the recently-introduced time limit. —Reuter.

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#### NANKING POLICY.

#### STATEMENT BY MR. C. C. WU.

#### THE QUESTION OF TREATIES.

Nanking, May 11.—Mr. C. C. Wu, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Nationalist Government at Nanking, to-day issued the following statement in regard to the policy of the Nanking Government:

"With the removal on April 18 of the seat of the Nationalist Government to the historic capital of China, Nanking, another stage has been reached in the Chinese Nationalist movement. The opposing forces, Progress and Reaction, which came to grips in 1911, have continued their struggle up to the present time, but there can be no doubt as to the ultimate triumph of the cause of Progress which has been consistently championed by the Kuomintang.

The principles of the Kuomintang have moulded the thought of new China, and the Government founded on these principles has in the short space of two years extended its jurisdiction from Canton to more than half of China including the richest, most populous, and most progressive cities and provinces. The rest of China will in the near future also be governed from militarism and misgovernment.

The presence in the party of Communist influences at variance with the precepts of the Kuomintang, has during the past few weeks brought what hitherto has been an internal schism to an open split. Nevertheless, as these influences are small, there is every confidence that they will very shortly be completely eliminated and that solidarity will be re-established in the ranks of the followers of Dr. Sun Yat-sen.

Foreign Policy.

The installation of the Nationalist Government at Nanking affords an opportunity to make a public statement of its foreign policy. The Government, guided by the teachings of Dr. Sun, considers it its paramount duty, in accordance with the will of the entire Chinese people, to emancipate China from her state of international bondage and to secure for her an equal status in the family of nations, a status to which her civilization, resources, and population entitle her.

China is fettered on every hand by treaties and conventions modelled after those imposed upon her nearly a hundred years ago. There are few agreements between nations, even when concluded on terms of equality, which have survived after the lapse of a century; it is reasonable to insist upon China's observance of anti-quoted and unequal treaties when the political, social, and economic conditions of the country, affecting both Chinese and foreigners, have undergone fundamental changes?

These treaties have on the one hand seriously impeded the development of the nation; on the other hand they have failed to accomplish the supposed object of protecting foreign interests and promoting foreign trade. Foreign interests are best protected and foreign trade best promoted by mutual good-will, and genuine good-will cannot exist so long as anachronistic and humiliating treaties are enforced. In the common interest of Chinese and foreigners alike, a fundamental readjustment of the existing treaty relations is imperative.

Abrrogate Unequal Treaties.

The Nationalist Government addresses itself to the task of the abrogation of the unequal treaties, and will employ for that purpose all legitimate means. It has taken note of the statements emanating from authorized spokesmen of the foreign governments as to the inapplicability of the existing treaties, and their readiness to meet the wishes of the Chinese people.

With every confidence in the good intentions of the foreign governments, this government earnestly hopes that negotiations with a view to the conclusion of new treaties will immediately be opened. Technicalities should be discarded in order to achieve, in the shortest possible period, the aim of restoring harmonious relations.

Lloyd's correspondent at the Lizard reports a mysterious message picked up in a bottle, purporting to be signed by the missing French trans-Atlantic aviator, Captain Nungesser. It was picked up at Porthkerry, near Falmouth.

The message says: "Landed 76 miles latitude off Ireland with engine trouble." —Reuter.

#### SUICIDE OF PIRACY SUSPECT.

#### WHILE BEING TAKEN BACK TO HAIPHONG.

#### GUARD'S REVOLVER USED.

A sensational sequel has occurred to the Hanoi piracy case, when the suspect, who was arrested at Yaumati towards the end of last year and subsequently extradited to the French authorities of Indo-China, committed suicide by shooting himself while being conveyed back to Haiphong on the s.s. Songbo.

Some days ago, the *s.s. Hanoi* gave out a brief statement from which it is learned that the prisoner Cheung Wo, while being held on charges of participating with others in a piratical attack on the *s.s. Hanoi*, shot himself on board the steamer which was taking him back to Haiphong.

The weapon he used was his own guard's revolver, taken without the latter knowing it. Before the man could be restrained, he had turned the weapon on himself and fired two shots, both of which penetrated his chest and proved fatal.

#### The Piracy Recalled.

It will be remembered that the *s.s. Hanoi*, while on its way to Hongkong from Haiphong was attacked and seized by a band of 26 pirates, who boarded her as passengers at Kwang Chow Wan. When the Annamite guards resisted, they shot one of them and threw his body overboard, and also wounded two members of the crew.

The ship was then taken to Blas Bay where the lost, which amounted to \$70,000 and included \$50,000 in bullion shipped by the Customs from Pekhui, was taken ashore in boats. The *s.s. Hanoi* was released by the pirates and proceeded to Hongkong, where a report was made to the police.

In the investigations that followed, the Chinese, who has now committed suicide, was arrested at Yaumati, on information given by a fellow-lodger whose suspicions were aroused by the sudden rise of the man from a position of poverty to affluence. When a search was made, articles of jewellery and other property, identified as stolen from the pirated ship, were found in his possession. He was also identified by the compradore and members of the crew of the ship.

#### RICE FIRM CLOSES.

#### ALLEGED DEBTS OF TWO LAKHS.

With reference to the report that a shortage of \$95,000 has been discovered in the accounts of the Hing Fung rice firm, of 116, Connaught Road West, the vernacular papers report that the shop has closed its doors.

It is said that the Hing Fung firm owed the other rice firms debts to a total of more than \$200,000. A meeting of the creditors and shareholders of the firm was held yesterday.

#### AFTER 37 YEARS.

#### REV. MR. AND MRS. WALES RETIRE.

Swatow, May 17. Among passengers down from Amoy by the last boat were the Reverend R. and Mrs. Wales, of the Presbyterian Mission, who can be counted very old residents of China.</

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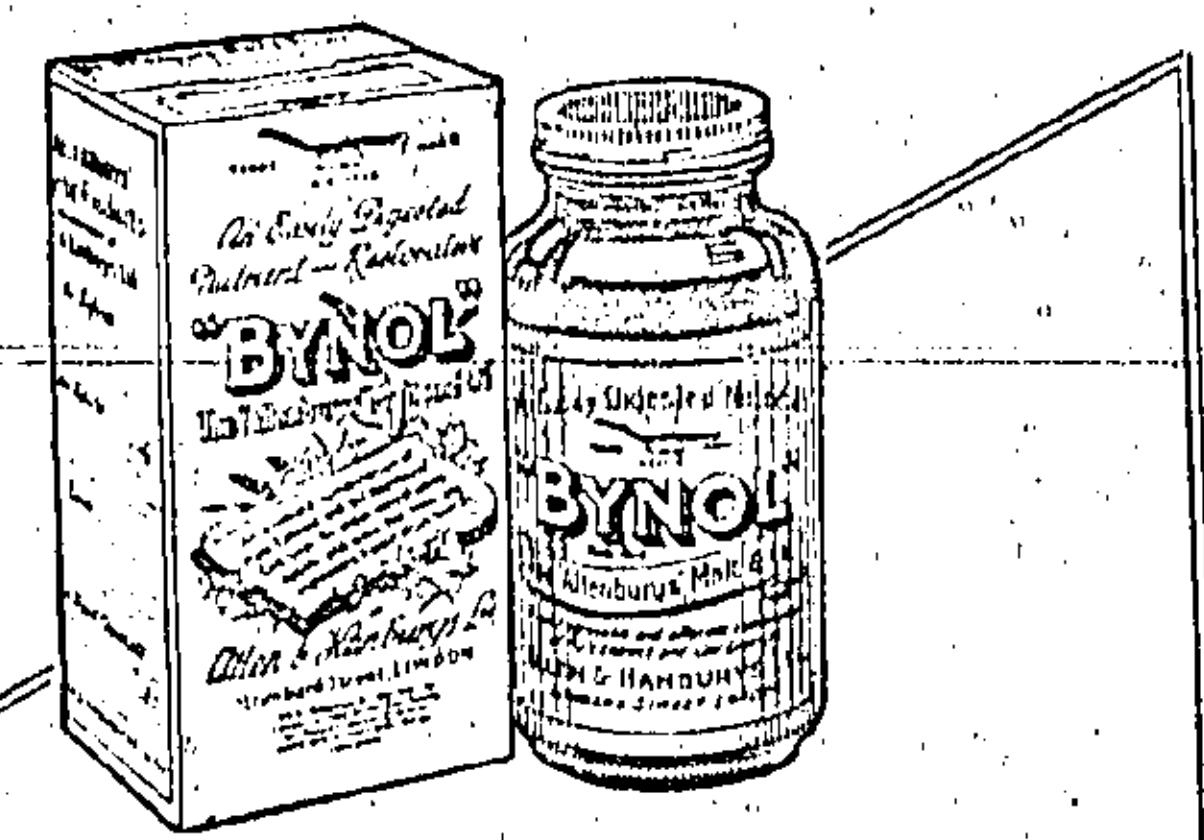
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### CHINA'S WAR.

#### NORTHERN NOTE ISSUE.

Shanghai, May 18. Marshal Chang Tao-lin will start his tour to the southern front on Friday. He will first proceed to Haichow and Penghu and then go to Shikachuang to meet the Shansi Tuchuan, General Yen Shi-shan, whose attitude toward Peking is still believed to be questionable.

General Yang Yu-ling, chief of staff to Marshal Chang, declares that the Fengtien army will issue four hundred million dollars of Feng Piao (military notes of the Fengtien army), for expenses of the war against the south.

These notes will be redeemed by making an annual increase of forty million dollars in the Fengtien salt revenues. The railways will also accept these military notes. As to the reported truce with the Nanking Nationalists, General Yang states that this can not be unless Chiang Kai-shek completely cleans up the Reds in his territory and abandons his pro-Soviet policy.—*Wah Kiu Yat Po*.

#### Cruisers Shell Woosung.

Shanghai, May 18. Shanghai was startled this morning by the sound of heavy gunfire at Woosung, where the northern warship Haichi with two cruisers fired two hundred shells at the forts, doing considerable damage.

The Nationalists replied, registering hits. The amount of the damage is unknown.—*O. O. C.*

#### Hit and Run.

Shanghai, May 18. In the course of two hours' firing the cruisers scored three direct hits, doing considerable damage. The forts constantly replied but failed to hit the cruisers which subsequently steamed away northwards.—*Reuter*.

#### Arrivals in Shanghai.

Shanghai, May 18. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has arrived from Nanking. Sir Miles Lampson is due in Shanghai to-morrow on board H. M. S. Foxglove.—*Reuter*.

#### Representative Leaves.

Hankow, May 18. Mr. Basil Newton, who replaced Mr. Eric Teichman as H. M. Minister's representative at Hankow, left here to-day.—*Reuter*.

#### Destroyer Fired On.

Shanghai, May 18. The Japanese destroyer Momo, with the Japanese Foreign Office Mission on board to investigate conditions on the Yangtze was fired on by Northerners while anchored at Chinkiang last night. The destroyer was on her way to Hankow. She replied with her main armament, taking up her anchor to avoid the fire, which continued for two hours. A warrant officer who was on the bridge was wounded.—*Reuter*.

#### Chiang in Shanghai.

Shanghai, May 18. Chiang Kai-shek arrived this morning. It is believed he has come for a conference with Sir Miles Lampson.—*O. O. C.*

#### Appointments.

Shanghai, May 18. The Central Political Council in Nanking decided yesterday to appoint Huang Fu as Mayor of the Shanghai City. Mr. Huang, formerly Premier and Foreign Minister of the Peking Government, is a personal friend of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and his visit to the Marshal's Headquarters in Nanchang recently was the subject of an accusation against Chiang by the Hankow Party. Mr. Huang visited the Nationalist Generalissimo in Nanking again recently and is expected to come with him to Shanghai.

Wang Pei-chun, who has been appointed to replace Sun Fo as Minister of Communications, took his oath of office yesterday afternoon in Nanking. Wu Han-min represented the Nationalist Government in presenting the seals of office to the new Minister, who outlined the Nationalist policies of communications in his inaugural speech as follows: the resumption of normal traffic conditions; the unification of the administration of communications, and to

### MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

#### PRISONER ESTABLISHES GOOD DEFENCE.

The discovery on the hillside, near the village of Taipo Tin Kok, near Taipo, of the dead body of a Chinese identified as Li Loy, caused enquiries to be made, with the result that a man named Li Yau was charged with manslaughter before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning. Prisoner pleaded "not guilty."

Mr. Somerest Fitzroy prosecuted for the Crown.

It would appear that the prisoner together with Li Loy attended a Chinese festival and when he returned to his house later, he discovered that Li Loy had taken advantage of his wife. Seizing a hammer, prisoner struck Li Loy on the forehead, and afterwards hit him on the arm with a piece of wood. Li Loy fell down, and on rising, ran out of the house.

Inspector W. G. Gerrard told the court how two days later the prisoner took him to a spot on the hillside where he dug to a depth of about two feet, and came across the decomposed body of Li Loy, wrapped up in sacks. The prisoner admitted to him that he struck Li Loy, but said that on hearing that a body had been found, he, together with four others, took it away and buried it down a ditch 20 feet deep.

The prisoner called a witness who deposed that he saw Li Loy alive and well walking along the road at six o'clock on the morning of March 21st, the day following the night of the alleged assault.

Witness adhered to his story in cross-examination, and his Lordship remarked that if his story was true then it proved conclusively that the prisoner did not strike the fatal blow.

Prisoner's wife also gave evidence with regard to Li Loy's conduct towards her.

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### OUR "SILENT" ARMY.

#### RUBBER HEELS FOR GUARDSMEN.

The War Office, I understand, are not averse from officially sanctioning the wearing of rubber heels by the "other ranks" of the Brigade of Guards, says the Military Correspondent of the London *Morning Post*. In all probability the matter will be finally settled in the near future, and rubber pads will be made a public charge.

A year ago I stated in the *Morning Post* that Guardsmen of the Brigade of Guards quartered in the London District Command had been given freedom to attach rubber pads to the heels of their boots. This concession established a precedent of military interest and importance, and other Commands have since considered the utility of the rubber heel.

It is not an easy matter to secure the approval of the Guards for an innovation of this character. If it could be shown that the rubber heel would, in even so slight a degree, tone down the smartness of the drill, the rubber pad would certainly be doomed. The non-commissioned officers who are primarily responsible for the smartness and precision which attend every movement of the Guards have a decided prejudice against the use of rubber.

In fact they say that the turning movements are impeded if the heel is "cushioned" and that in the "right-about-turn" it occasions delay. These objections, however, are not taken too seriously.

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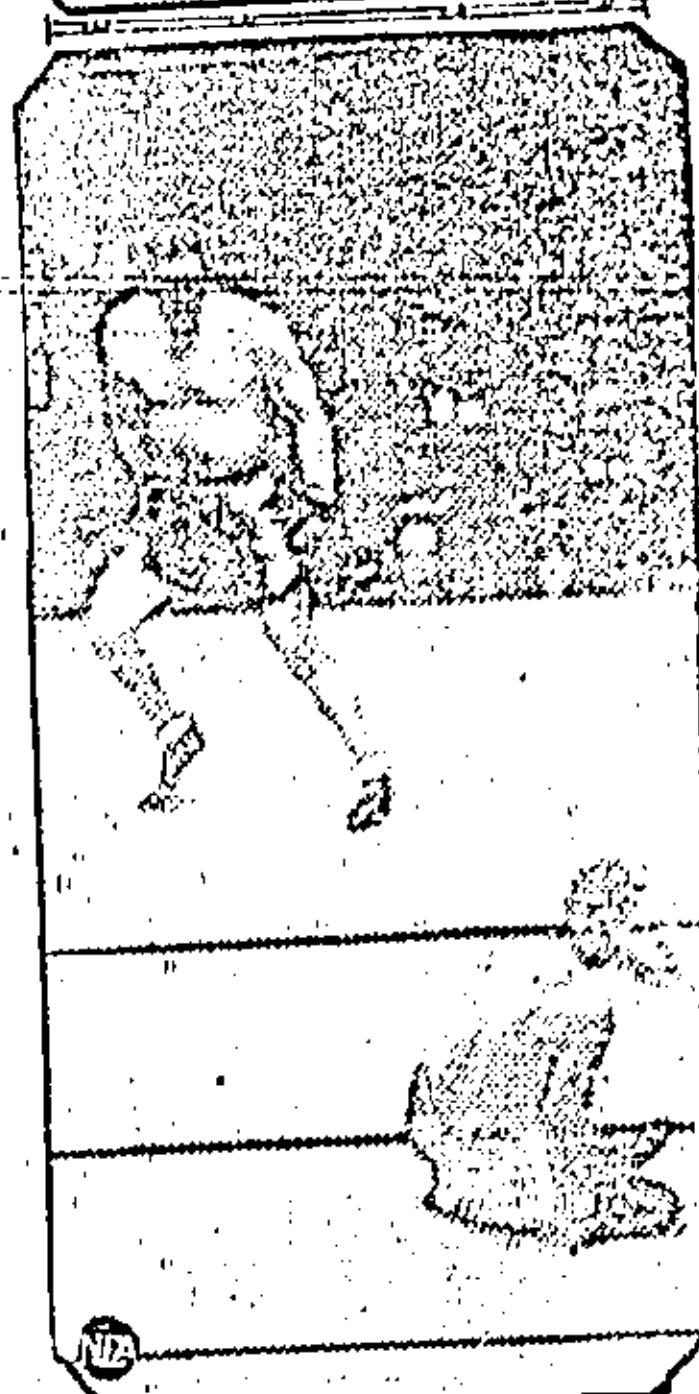




AFTER THE CHAMPIONS.—Photograph shows the huge crowds in the members' enclosure at the Shanghai Race Club greeting New Zealand and his jockey, Mr. A. N. Dallas, being led in by the owner Mr. Day. Behind New Zealand is Mark Over, led in by Mrs. Hickling, and Morning Flight brought in by Mr. Hickling.



AFTER THE VICTORY.—New Zealand, winner of the Shanghai Champions' Sweepstakes, being led in by his owner, Mr. G. Day, and Mrs. A. N. Dallas, wife of the jockey.

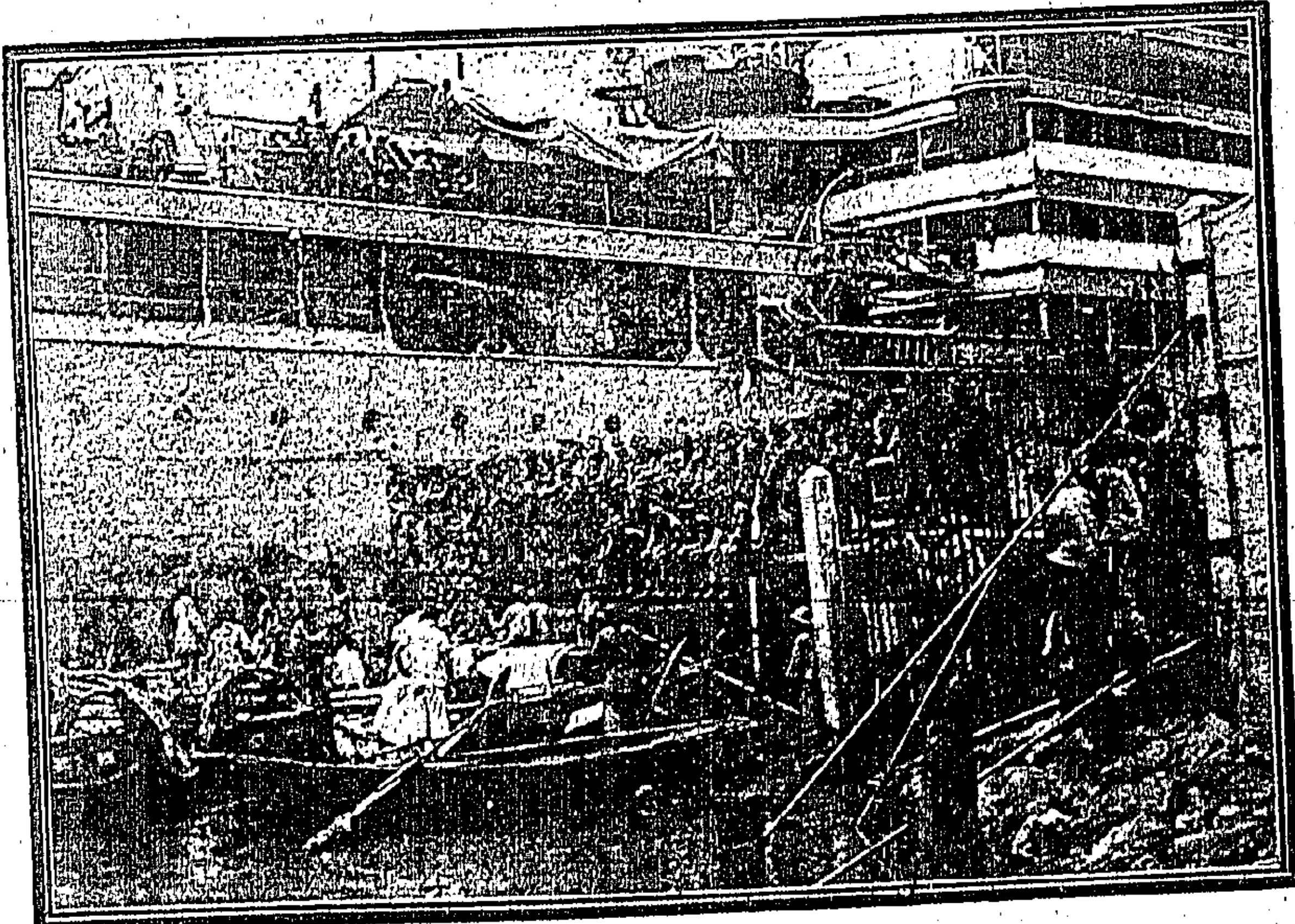


FLOOD VICTIMS.—Throughout the flood-desolated Mississippi valley scenes like those pictured above are characteristic. At the top and right (below) are shown refugees in a hastily constructed relief camp near Hickman, Kentucky. At the lower left a Salvation Army worker is shown with some of the first refugees that arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, from flooded districts.

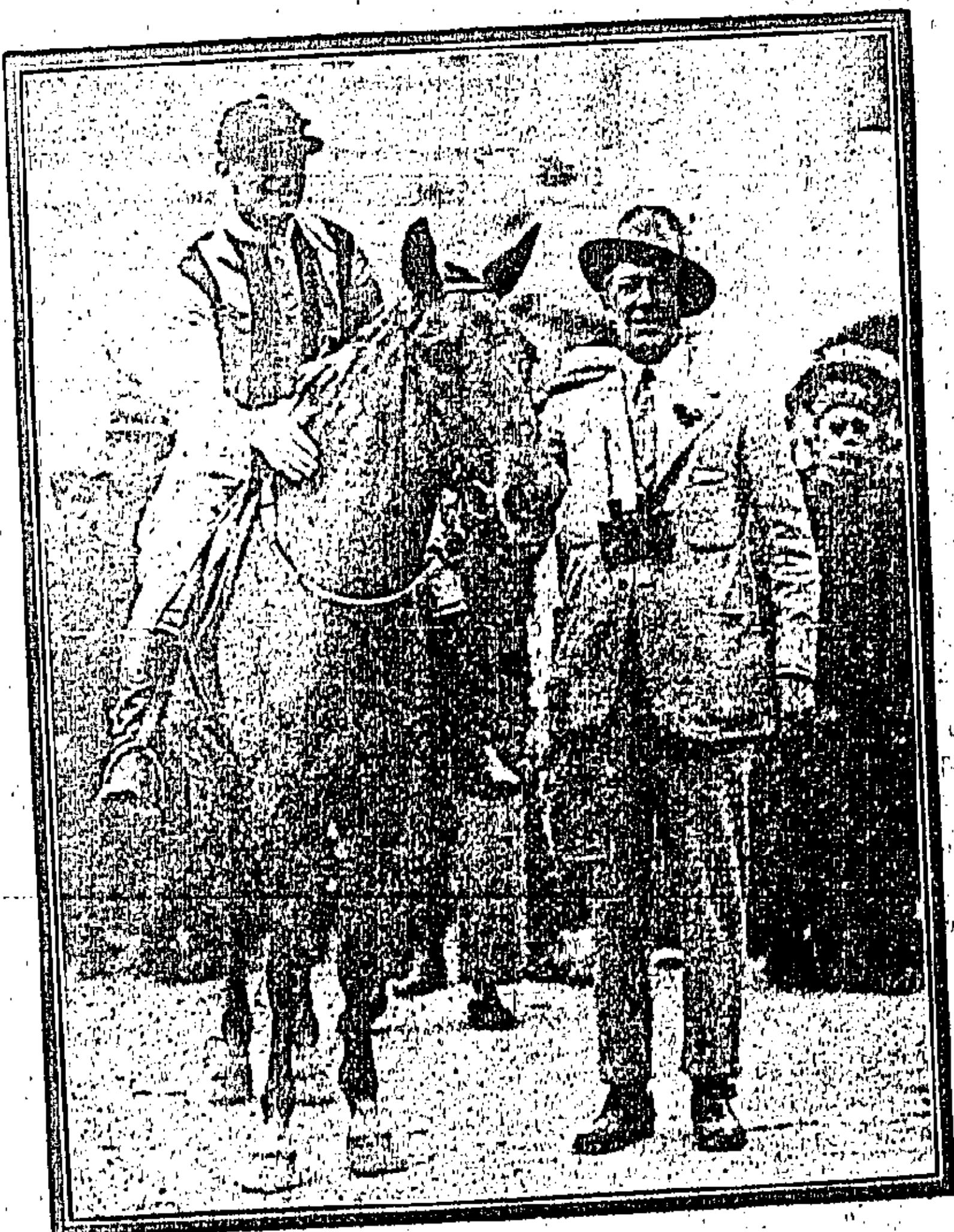
Paolino Uzcedum, heavy-weight champion of Europe, at Madison Square Garden in New York, won a decision over Tom Heeney, of New Zealand, in ten fast rounds. Paolino (left) boxed in with his left in the upper view while below, lashing out with his left he sends Heeney to the boards.



PROUD AND HAPPY.—Mrs. N. W. Hickling leading in Mark Over, Mr. J. W. Brand up, second in the Champions' Sweepstakes.



WAR MEMORIES REVIVED.—The U.S. transport Henderson, which carried American forces to France during the Great War, is seen disembarking U.S. Marines at Shanghai recently.



THIRD IN CHAMPIONS.—Morning Flight, being led in after winning third place in the Champions, by his owner Mr. N. W. Hickling. Mr. J. R. Pote-Hunt is the jockey.

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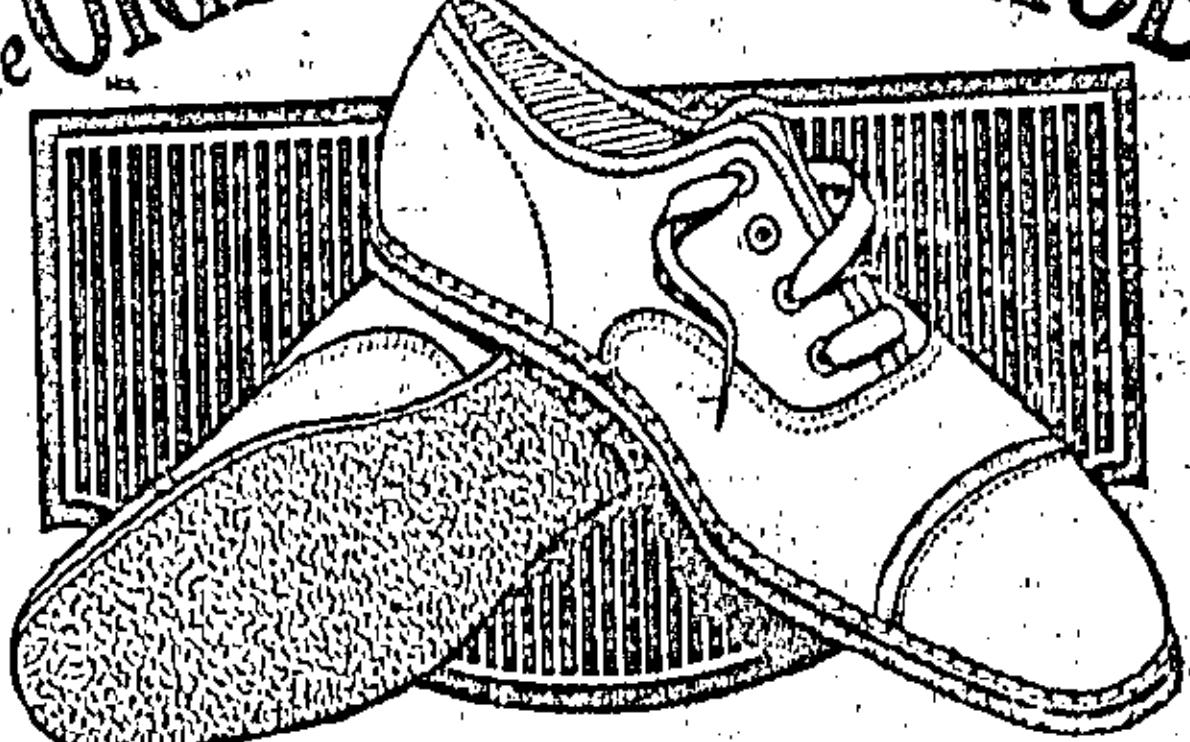
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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 21st of May, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, 6th May, 1927.

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**NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.**

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that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order,  
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**PAUL LAUDER;**  
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Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

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Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be closed from Friday, 27th May, 1927, to Tuesday, 31st May, 1927, both days inclusive.

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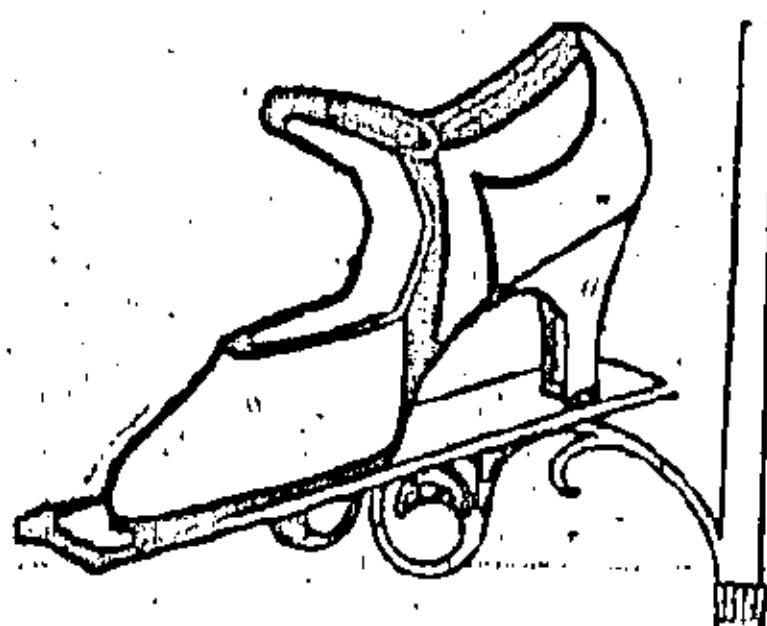
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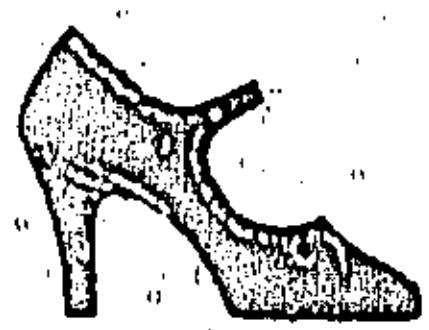
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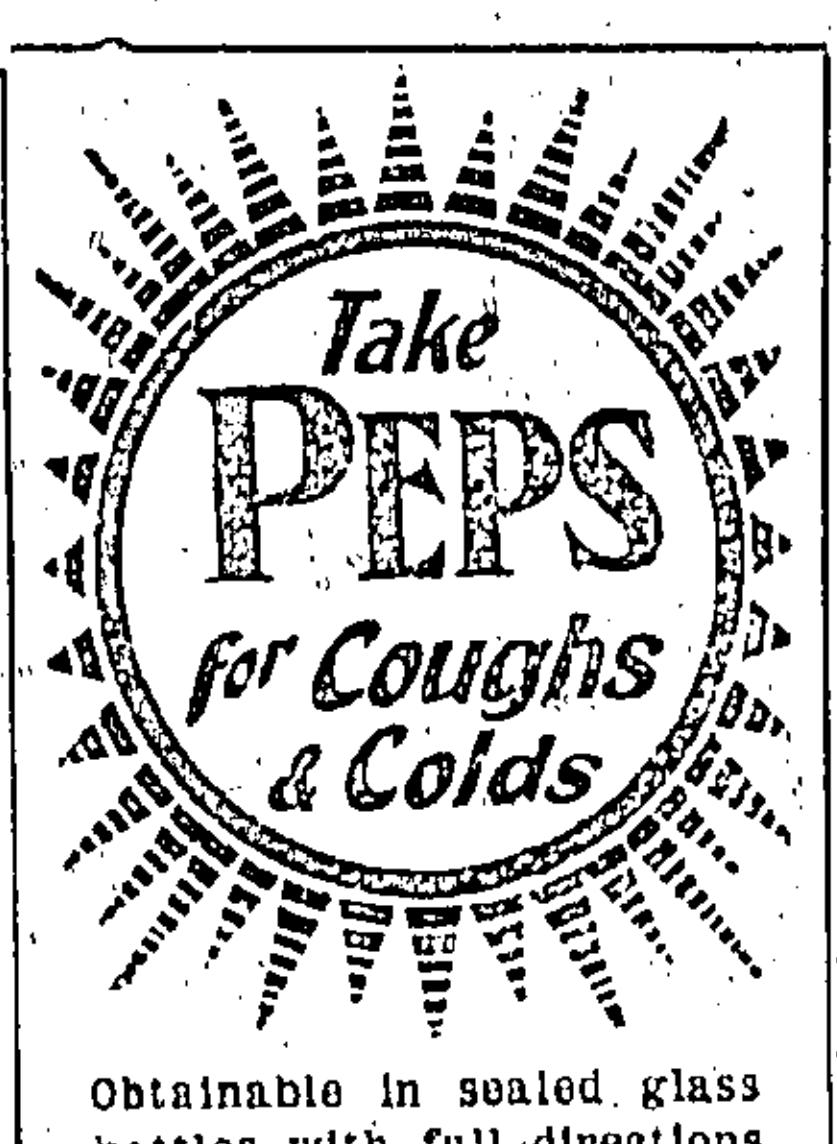
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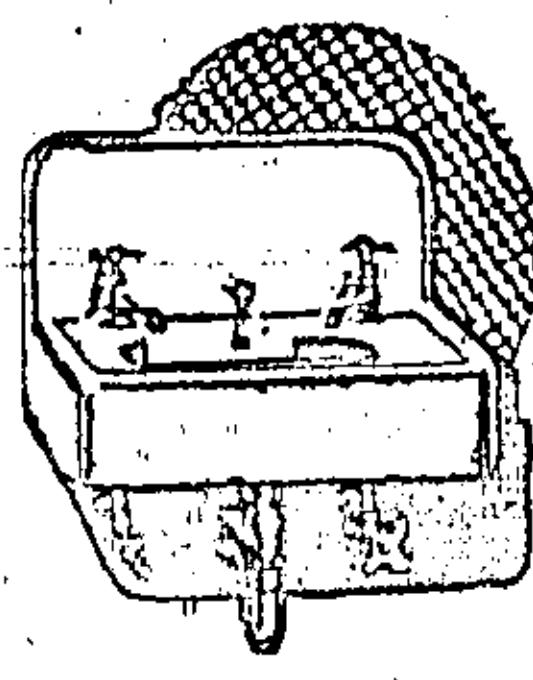


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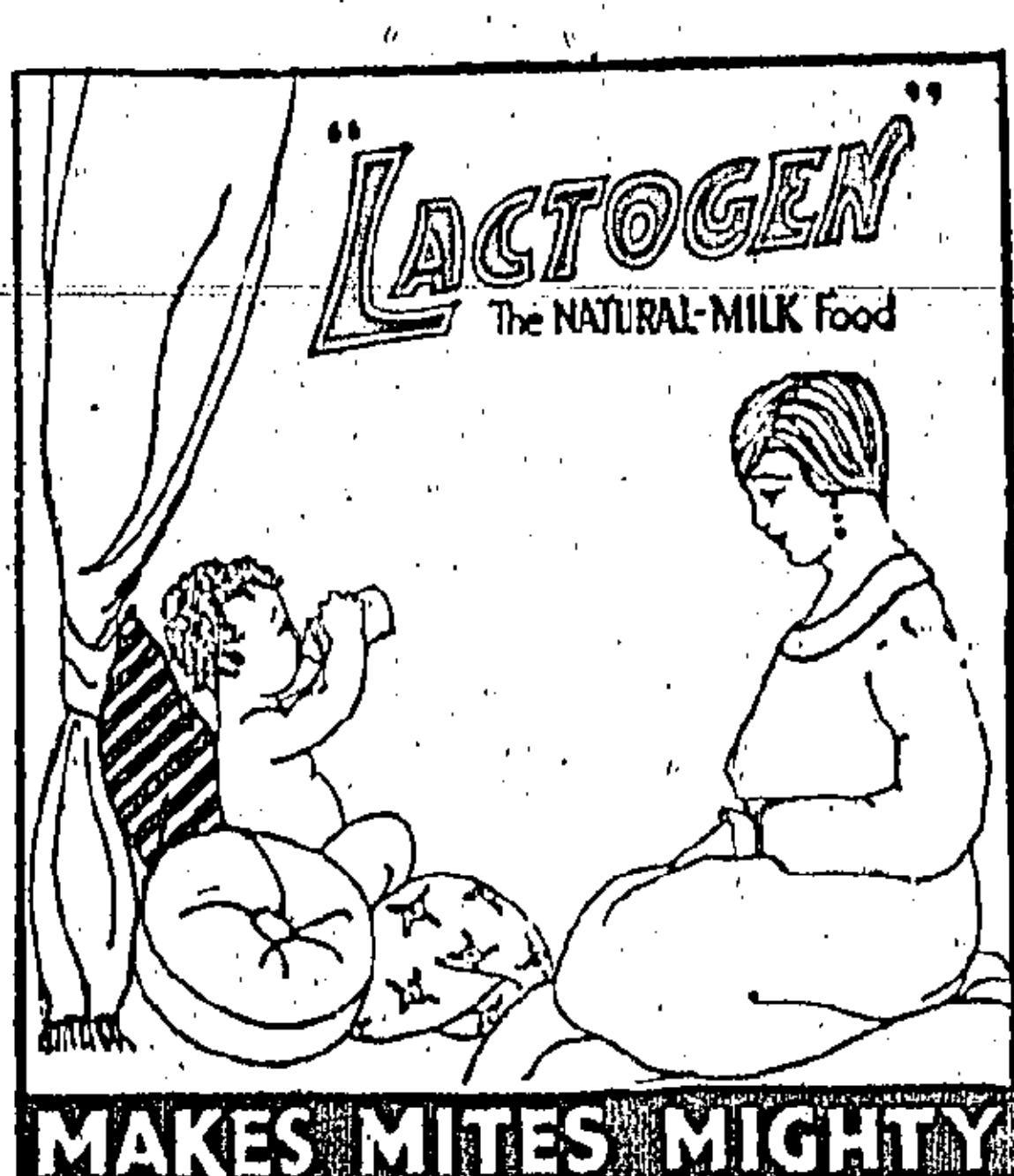
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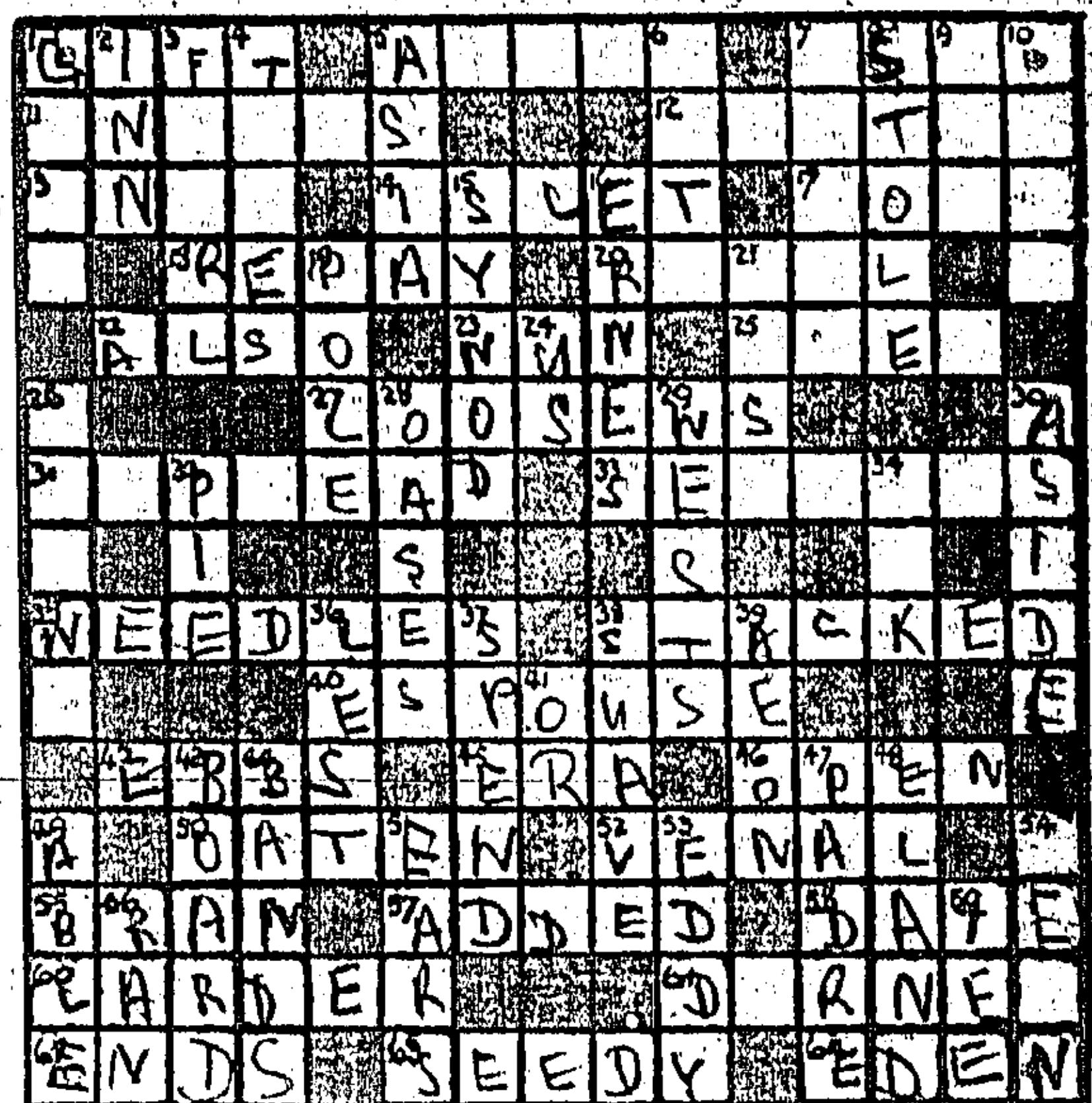
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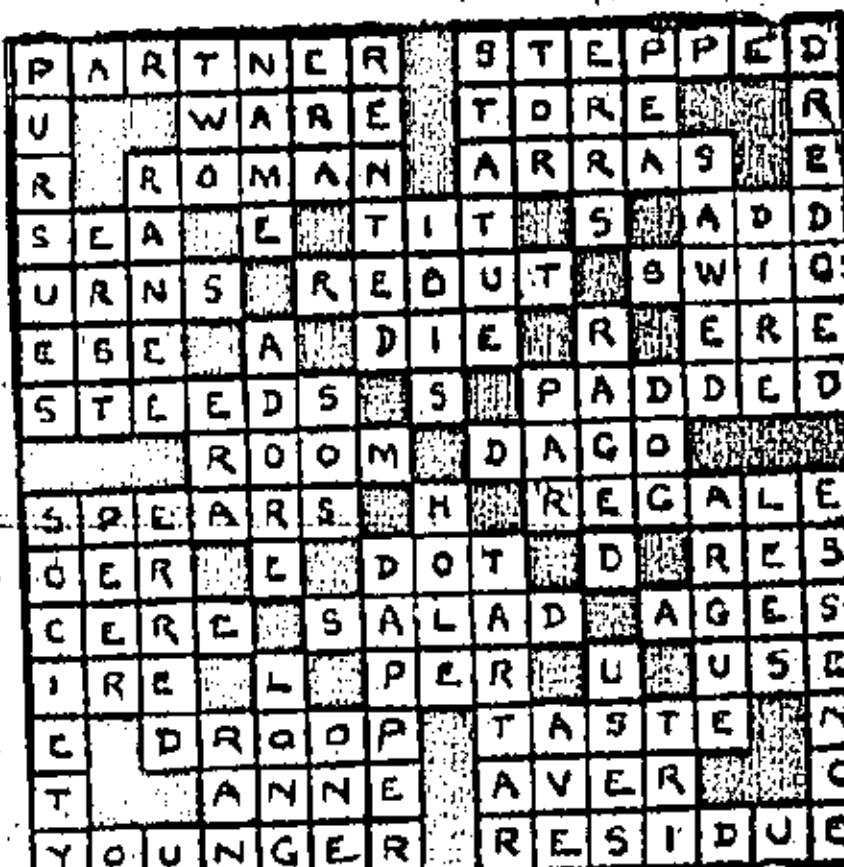


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- Pack.
- History of events.
- Freedom of access.
- Break.
- Small island.
- Used in propellion.
- Pay back.
- Spanish coins.
- As well.
- Pigeon.
- Slackers.
- Indict.
- Pieces of timber balanced on supports.
- Sewing utensils.
- Piled.
- Marry.
- Declines.
- Epoch.
- Not shut.
- Made of oats.
- Mercenary.
- Outer coat of wheat.
- Subjoined.
- Time of an event.
- Store room.
- Needle.
- Finishes.
- Pertaining to seeds.
- Garden.

Down.

- Band.
- Tavern.
- Knot.
- Parts of necks.
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- To measure.
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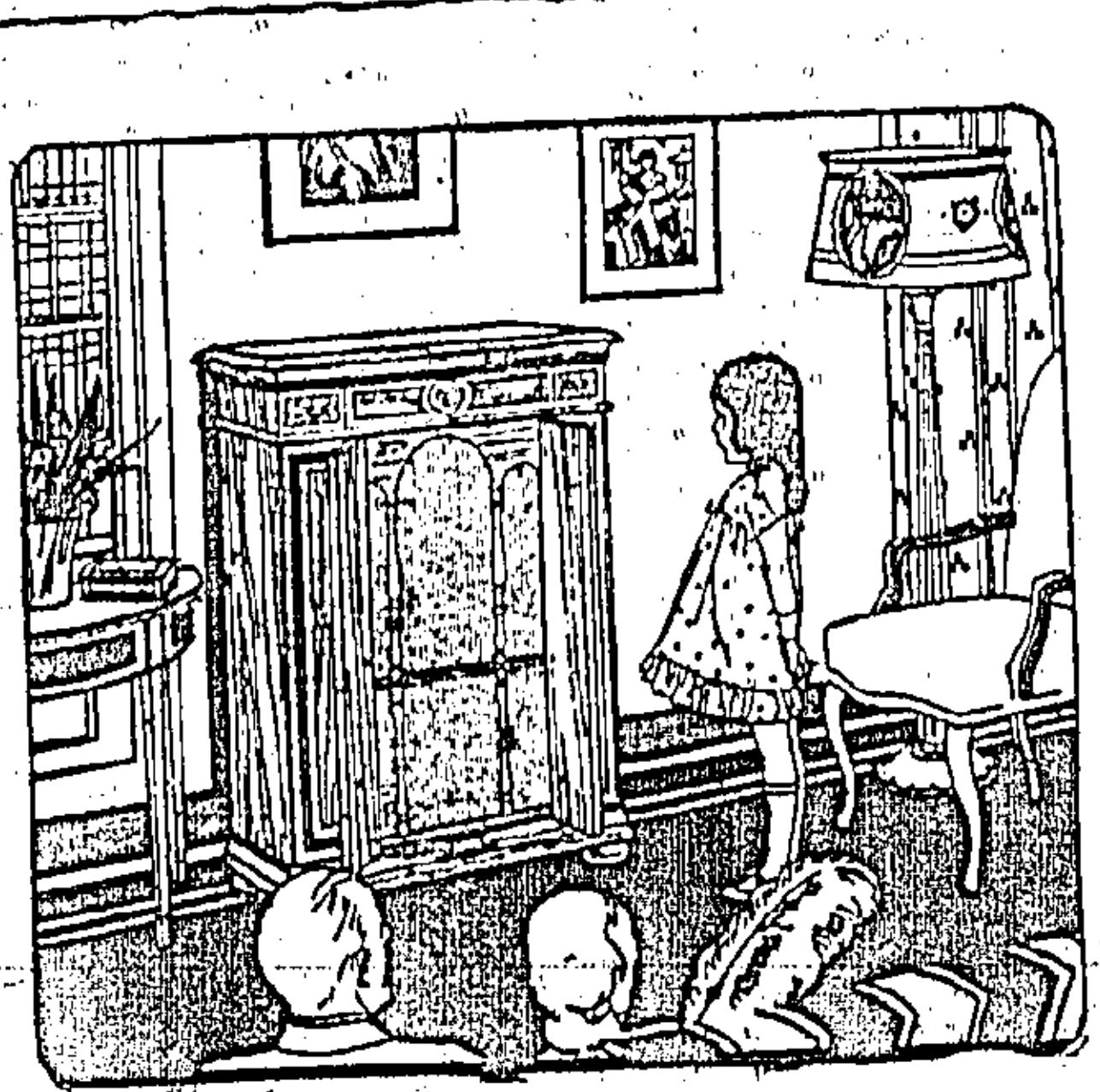
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THURSDAY, MAY 19, 1927.

#### THE BATHING CALL.

Now that we are back into the warm weather there has been the annual epidemic of letters to the newspapers complaining of the inadequacy of Hongkong's bathing facilities, and it is really remarkable that, having regard to this Colony's unrivalled natural sea bathing resources, there should be such a paucity of public provision.

It is obvious that there is a wide difference between the Government's idea of what is its duty in this matter and the idea possessed by the great majority of those who desire to enjoy sea bathing. The Government still contents itself on the Hongkong side with putting up a marsh at North Point and also one at Kennedy Town, although both these beaches are open to objection on the score of location and cleanliness. Among the letters which we published yesterday was one from a regular user of the North Point beach complaining at the inadequacy of the measures taken to prevent floating garbage from fouling the bathing area.

The two beaches named are, it would be admitted by all, not desirable, and there is the further objection that the dressing room accommodation is not made sufficiently personal and private and that one is liable to be forced to keep close company with those with whom one would rather not. This is not "snobbishness" but a matter of natural selection. So far as bathing on the Hongkong side is concerned, those who have no private provision have to thank the Government for very little.

To take the place of the launch service which last year ran to Stonecutter's Island, the Government has made provision at Tai Wan—a small bay over near the Kowloon Docks, and next to the generating station of the China Light and Power Company. It is a fairly long way out and to take a motor bus there costs 20 cents from the Star Ferry. The accommodation has been criticised, but the work of preparation was not then completed. For Kowloon residents this beach might be considered fairly satisfactory—excepting by those who expect the luxury of private accommodation to be provided for them by a generous motherly Government.

It is pertinent to enquire how far the Government's responsibility should reasonably go in this matter of providing adequate and even attractive public bathing facilities, and an answer is easily obtained when it is remembered that the Government here approximates, in such a matter, to a municipality at

home. Such bodies take it as a very important part of their duties to look after public bathing facilities and many thousands of pounds have been spent on this item in innumerable cities and towns. The attitude of the Hongkong Government has consistently been that of doing the very minimum necessary to remove the charge that nothing at all is done. It is true that private endeavour has been encouraged by the letting of marsh sites, particularly at Repulse Bay, but there are hundreds of people who cannot afford to build and own a marsh, and (more important) pay the cost of frequent transport to such distant beaches. Practically the whole of the coast line within the harbour, excepting the distant shores of Kowloon Bay, has been taken up by commercial interests, or by Praya and wharves, and it seems as though Hongkong is suffering for its greed. If some naturally desirable area of our long foreshore could have been saved for the public enjoyment of sea bathing, Hongkong would have been spared much heart-burning and regret. But we believe that it would not be beyond the wit and ingenuity of our Public Works engineers to provide handy and congenial bathing for all even yet, if the Government took the view that a really large expenditure of public money would be justified for the purpose of providing the population with ample accommodation in which to enjoy healthful sea bathing. Hongkong enjoys (or, rather, endures) a summer season in which sea bathing is a boon to those who can get it, and we think that our administrators might take a more serious view of their duties in this matter. We can promise much public gratitude.

#### South Africa's Flag.

There is a great deal to be read into the attempt, probably destined to be successful, to introduce a national flag for South Africa from which the Union Jack is to be eliminated. No-one can cavil at the big colonies desiring flags of their very own, and South Africa is entitled to a distinct emblem, but it is a great pity that certain Nationalist extremists are apparently having their way in getting a measure put before the people for the entire dropping of the emblem of the Old Country. The Australasian colonies and Canada have been proud to retain the old honoured Jack in their national emblems, but it would seem that the banner under which so much Empire history has been written is objected to by certain sections of the South African population, and consequently the sponsors of a flag that eliminates the British emblem are to have their way, insofar as the matter is going before the country for a referendum vote. The British element of the colony naturally desire to see the old symbol retained in a portion of the national colours, and that great-hearted Empire statesman, a former foe and now gallant friend of Britain, General Smuts, is strongly opposed to the measure that seeks to bring up this matter as a national question. The mere voting on the subject is certain to raise much bitter controversy and ill-feeling that it will take many years to do away with. In the case of the pro-elimination party getting their way, then it can easily be realised how bitter will be the resentment of the defeated side. In a matter of this nature it were best to compromise, and the stirring up of racial questions in a colony where they tend to become acute, is an instance of most unsound statesmanship. Until the referendum proposal becomes an actual accomplishment, and until the people have voted one way or the other, comment has to be limited. For the present one can only hope that both parties to the dispute will have the good sense to refrain from aggravation of a sore question, and that some form of mutual agreement will be possible, in order to avoid any cleavage among the white population of this African colony.

#### SHELL TRANSPORT.

#### DIVIDEND DECLARATION.

We are informed by the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China that the following telegram has been received to-day, from the Head Office:—

"Shell Transport and Trading Co., Ltd. declared dividend at the rate of 3/4 per share, free of Income Tax payable 6th July. Bearer Coupon to be presented No. 49."

#### DAY BY DAY.

A MAN WHO CANNOT MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED WITH THAT OF OTHERS.

The only case of notifiable disease reported yesterday was a Chinese case of small-pox.

"South winds; moderate; squally, fair to showery," is the Royal Observatory's weather forecast up till noon to-morrow.

Two street-corner orators, a man and a girl of 17, were arrested near the Kau Yu Fong Theatre last night for preaching Bolshevism, says a vernacular paper.

Charged on remand with being in possession of seditious pamphlets, a Chinese, who had previously admitted the offence, was fined \$250, or three months' hard labour by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

His Worship ordered the discharge of another man who appeared on a similar charge, after examining the papers and finding that they were not of the character alleged.

The Hospital Comforts Committee begs to acknowledge, with very many thanks, a receipt from the Y.M.C.A. of 100 books, specially rebound, to form the nucleus of a hospital library; a supply of magazines from Mr. A. R. Sutherland; ping pong balls from the Indian School; and large parcels of books and periodicals from Mrs. Shawan, Mrs. A. G. Langston, Mr. T. Ballin, Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, and Mrs. W. L. Handyside.

Student unions in the various provinces have been invited by the Students' Union of Kwangtung to organise an All-China Students' Federation at Nanking. A circular telegram sent out says: "The All-China Students' Federation dominated by Communists has removed to Wuhan, to be directly controlled by the Communists at Wuhan. We ought to have nothing to do with them." But a students' Federation is the directing organ for the students, and it is necessary to have one. Therefore we request all student unions to send representatives to Nanking to organise a strong revolutionary student organ there."

#### LABOUR PLAN GOES AWRY.

#### DELEGATES TO CANTON DISAPPOINTED.

Some time ago it was proposed by the General Mechanics' Association in Canton that a meeting of all the labour unions in places along the Pacific Coast should be held in Canton. Letters were sent to various points along the Pacific Coast, but the scheme was frustrated by the recent anti-Red campaign in Canton, when the Mechanics' Association was compulsorily reorganised.

The vernacular papers state that two weeks ago two Japanese, believed to be representatives of certain labour unions, went up to Canton, but returned to the Colony a few days ago on their way back to Japan, having stayed in Canton for about a week or so, and found that there was no labour meeting for them to attend.

#### LABOUR UNION AGENTS.

#### EXCESSIVE ZEAL LEADS TO GAOL.

Two Chinese, found guilty on a charge of intimidating three men belonging to the Kwong Cheong Wo blacksmiths' shop, of Wanchai, were sentenced to six months' hard labour each, in addition to twenty strokes of the birch, by Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning.

Evidence was given to show that the two defendants went to the Kwong Cheong Wo on the 8th of May, and urged the fokis there to join the Blacksmiths' Guild. The men refused, and pleaded that they were hard up.

The two men invited the fokis to tea at a nearby teahouse, and on the way back to the shop the fokis ran away. The assaulted man cried out "save life," and his companions, who were a little ahead of him at the time, turned round and went to his assistance. The man, it appears, was assaulted with an umbrella with an iron head.

The next day the two defendants boldly went to the shop again and asked the fokis, with threats, to join the Blacksmiths' Guild. Information given by the fokis of the shop to the police led to the men's arrest.

The defendants pleaded that they did not threaten the men at all. The second defendant admitted having struck one of the fokis of the shop, but he said it was because that foki owed his friend some money.

#### CORRESPONDENCE.

#### BATHING FACILITIES.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—It is encouraging to notice that a few residents are again pleading for better bathing facilities, although after the snubs administered by the Bathing Beach Commission, their action is almost heroic.

Does the Government really understand that there are many residents who really desire decent bathing facilities? Does the Government know that some ninety residents accepted the invitation to submit suggestions to the Bathing Beach Commission? The large number of people who submitted suggestions is, of itself, ample evidence that there is a demand for accommodation.

This last week-end, my family and myself stayed at home because there exists no suitable place where we could go for the day, or even afternoon, in order to enjoy a bathe. True I have read of a beach somewhere over in the New Territories, but there is the arduous journey over the harbour to Kowloon, the subsequent motor bus ride, and the one large marsh which probably exists, in which I should be expected to undress with strangers of various nationalities, in various stages of cleanliness. Any small seaside town in England boasts of bathing machines or tents. What a pity Hongkong cannot follow even the most humble example.

The point which is so irritating, is that the Government can spend thousands and thousands of dollars in cutting a road out to Shek-O for the sole benefit of wealthy residents, but cannot provide suitable accommodation for the class of Britishers who, although possessed of but moderate means, claim the right of being treated as worthy and respectable citizens.

Is it necessary for us to go down on our knees before the mighty in order to beg a few crumbs of consideration?

Would it not be a good idea if a public meeting were arranged in order to further impress upon the Government the emphatic necessity for early provision of long due bathing facilities?—Yours, etc., DISTRACTED FATHER.

Hongkong, May 18, 1927.

#### The Very Idea!

Sandy had been invited to a golden wedding. He accepted the invitation, despite the fact that he had been informed that it was the usual thing to present the old couple with a present in gold.

Sandy duly turned up, and handed over his present, which, on being unpacked, proved to be a tin of golden syrup!

The drove around a corner and  
He smashed his car for fair,  
Then made the sad discovery  
that

There was no corner there.

"When a passenger of the foot  
Leave in sight, tootie horn;  
trumpet at him, melodiously at  
first, but if he still obstacles your  
passage, tootie him with vigour,  
and express by word of mouth the  
warning, 'Hi! Hi!'"

This is one of the amusing  
"Suggestions of the Road" posted  
up in a Tokyo police station for  
the benefit of foreigners. Another is "Give big space to the  
feative dog that shall sport in the  
roadway," in order that "entanglements  
of the dog with the wheel  
spokes shall be avoided."

Riders are told to "Beware of  
the wandering horse, that he shall  
not take fright as you pass him  
by, do not explode an exhaust  
blow at him. Go soothingly." "Press  
the brakes of the foot as  
you roll around the corner to save  
collapse and tie-up" is the final  
warning.

Tottenham magistrate: Who is  
Maurice Pickford?

Magistrate at Willesden: Have  
you ever been summoned before?  
Woman, producing a tattered blue  
paper: Yes, a long time ago, but  
I always carry it with me as a  
souvenir.

Yorkshireman accused of  
assaulting another man: Not  
guilty at present, but wait till I  
get thee outside, owd lad.

Man in Nottinghamshire: The  
motorist flashed past me, which  
was dangerous, as I was the  
public.

Willesden policeman: He  
struggled and fought for half an  
hour when arrested, but he made  
no further reply.

Workman at Shoreditch County  
Court: I had the sack because I  
did not do my work well enough.  
Judge Cluer: A good many of  
us ought to have it for that and  
don't.

I am never satisfied with any-  
thing.—Col. Lane-Fox, M.P.  
I hope the silk hat will again  
become the fashion.—The Rev. E.  
Macassay.

If all men were liars, commerce  
would cease in 24 hours.—Rev. W.  
Vaughn King.

Americans are the most  
straight-laced people in the  
universe.—Col. Wedgwood, M.P.

There can be no real love of  
the theatre where people are not  
willing to pay for their seats.—  
Sybil Thorndike.

Acknowledging the great  
ovation at the Sorbonne, where she  
had just conducted a Beethoven  
performance. Josette Trichet, the  
six-year-old musical prodigy, found  
herself faced with the baffling problem which afflicts all  
children, even those who have  
achieved fame.

She wanted to wipe her nose,  
and she had no handkerchief.

Like other children, she cried  
for "mother," but mother was not  
at hand.

A woman violinist in the  
orchestra rose to the occasion and,  
coming forward, wiped the nose  
of the juvenile conductor, after  
which the child bowed profoundly  
to the clamours of the large  
audience.

Discussing some of the characteristics of the Northern Scot at  
Glasgow City Business Club Mr. A. M. Williams, late principal of  
the city Provincial Training  
College, told the story of two  
mourners who attended a funeral.  
They were discussing a third  
party present at the interment.  
The day was bitterly cold and  
dreary, and the one said to the  
other, "Isn't Johnson looking ill?"

"Ill!" reported his companion.  
"He's dying on his feet. I wonder  
he thinks it worth his while to  
gang name."

From a Home paper:  
Wanted a labourer and a boy,  
with grazing for two goats; both  
Protestants.

Happy Valley residents were  
treated to an interesting display  
yesterday, naval men rehearsing  
for the King's Birthday Parade.  
Field guns fired practice salutes,  
and the men fired their *feu de joue*,  
and cheered, while the band played.  
Five aeroplanes in formation swooped down from above,  
the whole rehearsal auguring well  
for the day.

#### FUNERAL.

#### THE LATE MR. NG TSANG-LUK.

The funeral took place this morning of the late Mr. Ng Tsang-luk, who passed away at his residence, No. 1, Miuk Ko Terrace, on Friday last.

The deceased, who was the proprietor of the Ng-Yuen Hing firm, of Wing Lok Street, a well-known Chinese firm of importers and exporters, was a prominent figure in Chinese circles, and there was an extremely large attendance at to-day's funeral procession. The cortège left deceased's residence at 11 o'clock and proceeded to the "Farewell Pavilion" at West Point.

## CHIANG NOT SECOND MUSSOLINI.

## OUTLINE OF HIS POLICY AT NANKING.

## BASED ON THE KUOMINTANG.

Shanghai, May 12. The Bureau of Foreign Affairs for Kiangsu has issued the following extract from a speech of General Chiang Kai-shek in regard to the establishment of the Nationalist Government at Nanking:

"The establishment of the Nationalist Government in Nanking was in full accordance with the Chinese people and also with the resolution of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang. With its inauguration, the Hankow Government automatically ceases to function. The continuation of its regime is a revolt against the Kuomintang and consequently against the Three People's Principle."

The policies of the Nationalist Government as laid down by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen are three-fold:

a. Overthrow of imperialism and militarism;

b. A friendly policy towards Russia, and

c. Uplift of the status of farmers and labourers.

The first and third policies are too evident to permit any misunderstanding and are not to be altered under any circumstances. All the loyal members of the Kuomintang should give their fullest support to them.

## Policy Towards Russia.

Regarding the second policy, it should be understood that so long as Russia co-operates with us on the basis of equality to fight against imperialism, we are not to change our attitude towards her. The purging of the Kuomintang will not in any way affect our policy towards Russia.

But what we are opposed to is the vicious actions of Borodin, the Russian representative, which tend to be detrimental not only to the cause of the Party but also of the Nation.

A recent incident will prove the wilful motive that is behind all the actions of Borodin. During General Chiang's visit to Hankow last January, Borodin at a dinner

attacked the Kuomintang and its "loyal leaders."

When General Chiang returned to Nanking, he reported to the Central Council of the unfounded charges brought up by Borodin against the Party. The recall of Borodin was at once telegraphed to the Third International at Moscow. Later the Central Executive Committee also wrote to Borodin suggesting his voluntary return to Russia. But both of the communications were ignored, proving that Russia is not willing to treat the Kuomintang and China on an equal basis.

## Cause May Be Doomed.

If the Nationalist Government is not awakened to the seriousness of the situation and does not place itself in such a position as to enable it to exercise its full sovereignty freely, the cause of the Kuomintang is doomed.

The Nationalist Government in Nanking is built on the true principles of the Kuomintang. Our chief task then is to consolidate the power of the Party so that it constitutes the supreme authority of the Government.

There are not a few who criticised General Chiang for aspiring to be the Mussolini of China and attempting to work for a Fascist Government for this country. Such criticism is entirely unfounded. The Nanking Government is not a personal Government of General Chiang but a party government in the interest of the entire Chinese people.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express*.

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## CHENGDU ADOPTS THE RICKSHA.

## NEW ROADS MAKE VEHICLE POPULAR.

## UNEMPLOYED RECRUITED.

An attempt to introduce rickshas into Chengdu, Szechuan province, was made in 1915, but the venture met with no success. In 1926 rickshas once more appeared after a portion of the cobble-paved streets of the city had been remodeled into macadamized roads. From about seven or eight, the number of ricksha companies in operation rapidly multiplied until now there are altogether 63 with a total number of 4,416 public rickshas registered with the Chengdu municipal authorities. The actual number of rickshas, both public and private in Chengdu is believed to be far more than this figure. There are many newly built vehicles not yet registered and also many private rickshas, which fall under another category.

Of the 63 ricksha companies, the Li Tung is the most important. The registered number of rickshas owned by the company is 500, but it is believed that it has actually about 700 in operation. Each of the other companies has between 100 and 200. Most of the companies are partnerships, while a few small ones are financed by individuals, notwithstanding the fact that each one of them invariably assumes the name of "company." The rickshas are farmed out by the company direct to the coolies or through agents. In the latter case, an agent usually obtains 10 or 20 rickshas, opens a ricksha shed, or garage, of his own, and sublets the vehicles to the coolies at a profit. For each the agent is required to pay a deposit varying from \$10 to \$30, according to the condition of the vehicle and a daily rent of from \$0.30 (30 cents) to \$0.80 (80 cents).

Chengdu ricksha companies divide their vehicles into two classes. The *pao che* or those hired for the exclusive use of private households are much better furnished than the ordinary public rickshas. The daily rent of the *pao che* is twice as much as that for any other kind. When the agent sublets the rickshas to the coolies, he also collects a deposit of \$5-\$10 from each coolie. The daily rent paid by the coolie to the agent was formerly \$1.10 for a *pao che* and \$0.50 for an ordinary public ricksha, in addition to which 10 cents was also collected from both the *pao che* and the ordinary public ricksha alike for the use of raincoat, the coolies' uniform, bell, and other such articles. When the coolie obtained the ricksha from the company direct, the same charges were collected. But keen competition among the companies and the rapid increase in the number of rickshas, which greatly affected the coolies' business, have compelled the companies to cut down the rent, which is now not uniform among the different companies. Some of them have reduced not only the amount of daily rent but also the deposit, while others have remitted the deposit.

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## \$10,000,000 TO SAVE U.S. CROPS.

## FIGHTING RAVAGES OF CORN BORER.

## PEST THAT DEFIES FARMER.

Washington, April 29.—A little worm one inch in length—the European corn borer—has caused farmers in the United States crop losses totalling millions of dollars.

To fight this pest which infested New England in 1917 and steadily spread south and westward the Government this year will spend \$10,000,000. The campaign to eradicate the corn borer is probably the greatest ever undertaken against an agriculture pest.

The corn borer attacks ears and stalks of corn from within the husks. They eat and eat until the corn attacked is valueless. The Department of Agriculture believes the borers' advance westward must be stopped to save corn farmers from ruin.

Not only is corn attacked by the demon but entomologists say the borer eats as many as 200 different crops, including cotton and sugar cane. Drastic steps are being taken to curtail the infestation.

The Agriculture Department has imported eight types of parasites known to be hostile to the borer.

Several of the parasites have savagely attacked the pests in some sections.

Corn borers now infest more than 500,000 square miles. They have eaten their way through New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Michigan. The great campaign now is aimed to stop the worms' advance before they reach the heart of the corn belt.

## Difficult Task.

Because borers attack corn and other agriculture crops from within, external applications of insecticides are almost useless. The best control methods are ploughing under all stubble and crop remnant likely to harbour larvae, shredding it for ensilage or burning all such field refuse before roots emerge, the Agriculture Department said.

In the United States the estimated economic loss has reached a maximum of about 25 per cent.

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Farmers in the infested areas have been enlisted by the Government to war against the pests. The Government will pay \$2 an acre to all farmers, who clean out the pests of their land passes Federal inspection. Half of the \$10,000,000 appropriated by Congress will be used to reimburse farmers for their work in the campaign.

A great education campaign in connexion with the borer is also being undertaken by the Government. Farmers are told that the eradication of the pest is their problem, but that the Government will aid in the war in every way possible.

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## GHASTLY TRAGEDY IN AMERICA.

## MANY SCHOOL CHILDREN KILLED.

## EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE.

Bath, Michigan, May 18.

At least 55 children were killed when the north wing of a four-storey school building was completely destroyed in an explosion of dynamite.

The school principal, a teacher, and two passers-by, were also killed.

Shortly prior to the explosion at the school, a farmhouse and barn belonging to the school treasurer, Andrew Kehoe, were blown up and burned. Kehoe's body was found in front of the school building. The police have discovered in a cellar in the school a huge quantity of dynamite.

Local officials and the police are of opinion that Kehoe, who is believed to have been in financial difficulties, and was mentally unbalanced, caused the explosion by firing a rifle into a box of explosives.—Reuters' American Service.

## CARE-FREE TROOPS.

## LIFE NEAR PENINSULA HOTEL.

"We're here because we're here," sang some of the troops now quartered in the Peninsula Hotel just before retiring last night, and, though the song might be described as a trifle enigmatic, it reflects the characteristic care-free manner in which Tommy accepts things as they come.

The troops of the new brigade have been completely disembarked, and the Welch Regiment and the Scots Guards, who have been allotted quarters in the Peninsula Hotel, are already settling down to regular routine. This morning, the sergeant-major had his men on parade in Hankow Road at an alarmingly early hour, thought the civil residents in the immediate vicinity, and he put them through their paces for an hour.

It was also evident that the band instruments had been unpacked, for, later in the morning a series of raucous noises issued from the building developing gradually into the playing of chromatic scales.

Judging by ferry comments which one cannot help overhearing, the average Tommy finds Hongkong a change from Home conditions which he appreciates. There are humourists amongst the men too. One man, who had only been in the Peninsula Hotel for two days, and given a share of a room on the top floor remarked to a civilian friend: "By the time you've had your breakfast and climbed to the top floor, it's time to come down again for dinner."

## STORING DANGEROUS CYLINDERS.

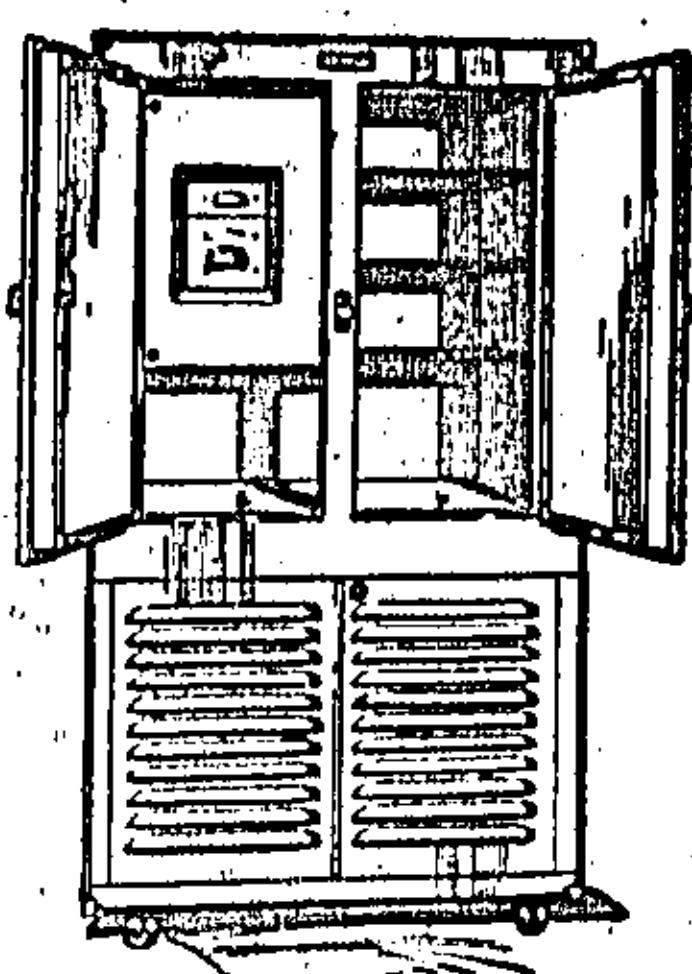
## FINE FOR UNLICENSED POSSESSOR.

Yu Kang, the master of the Switzerland Oxy-Acetylene Co., of No. 29, Shantung Street, Yaumati, appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on charges of having in his possession dangerous goods, to wit, two cylinders of oxygen and one cylinder of acetylene, without a license from the Captain Superintendent of Police.

Mr. L. R. Andrews appeared

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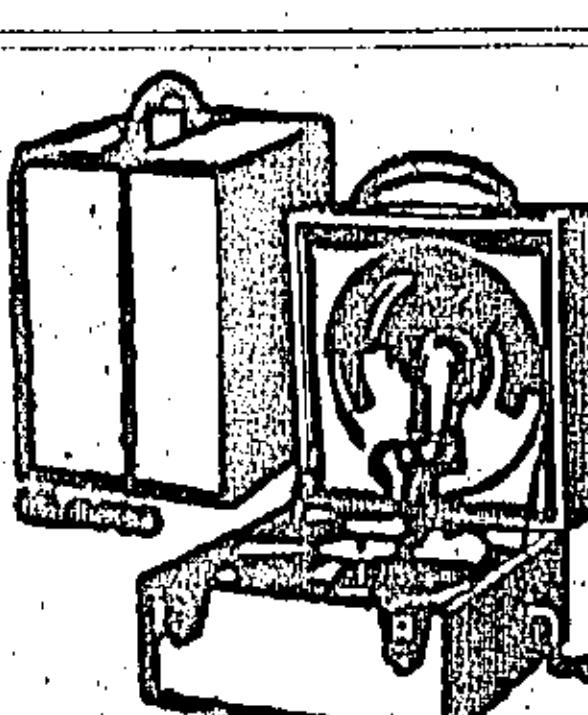
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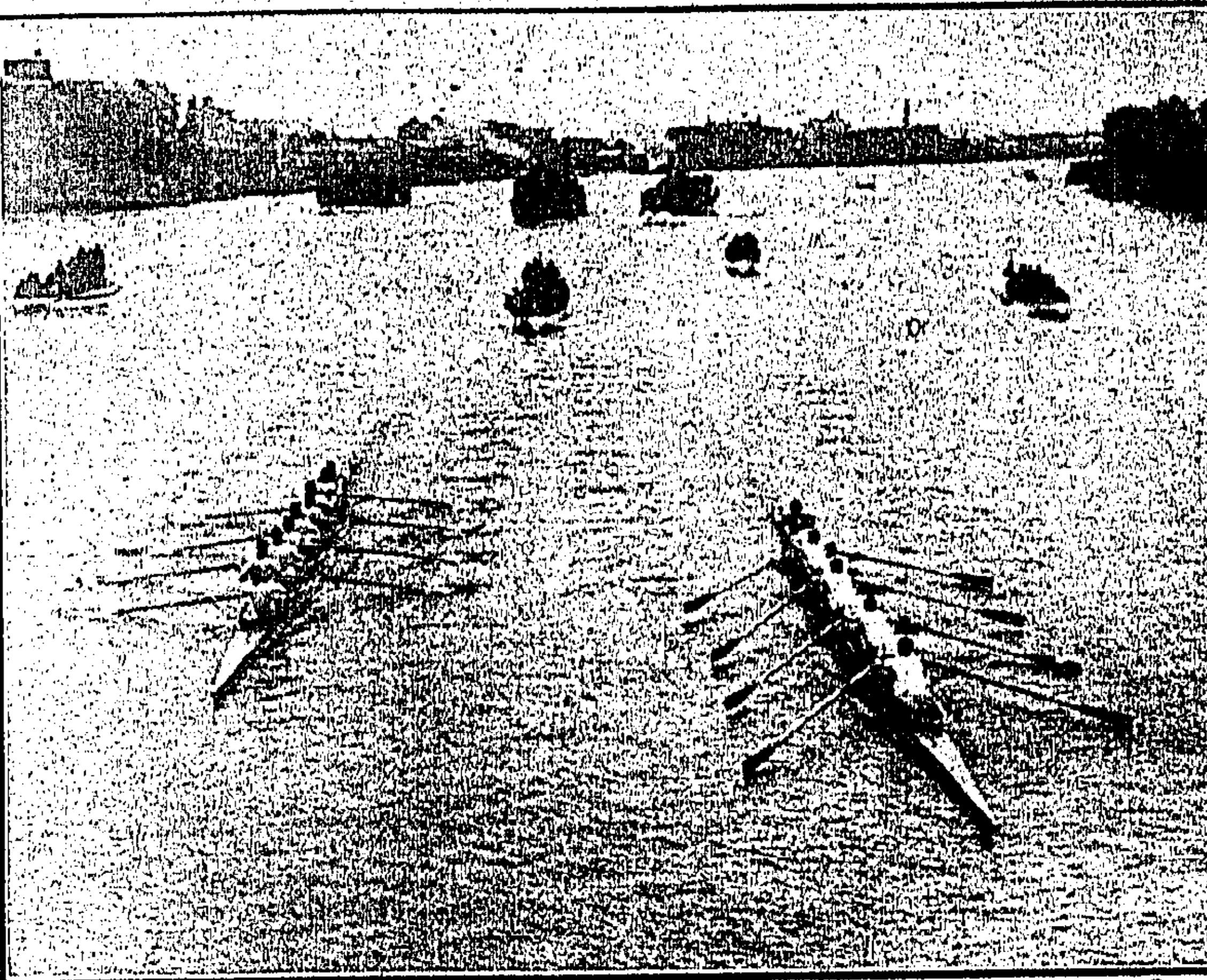
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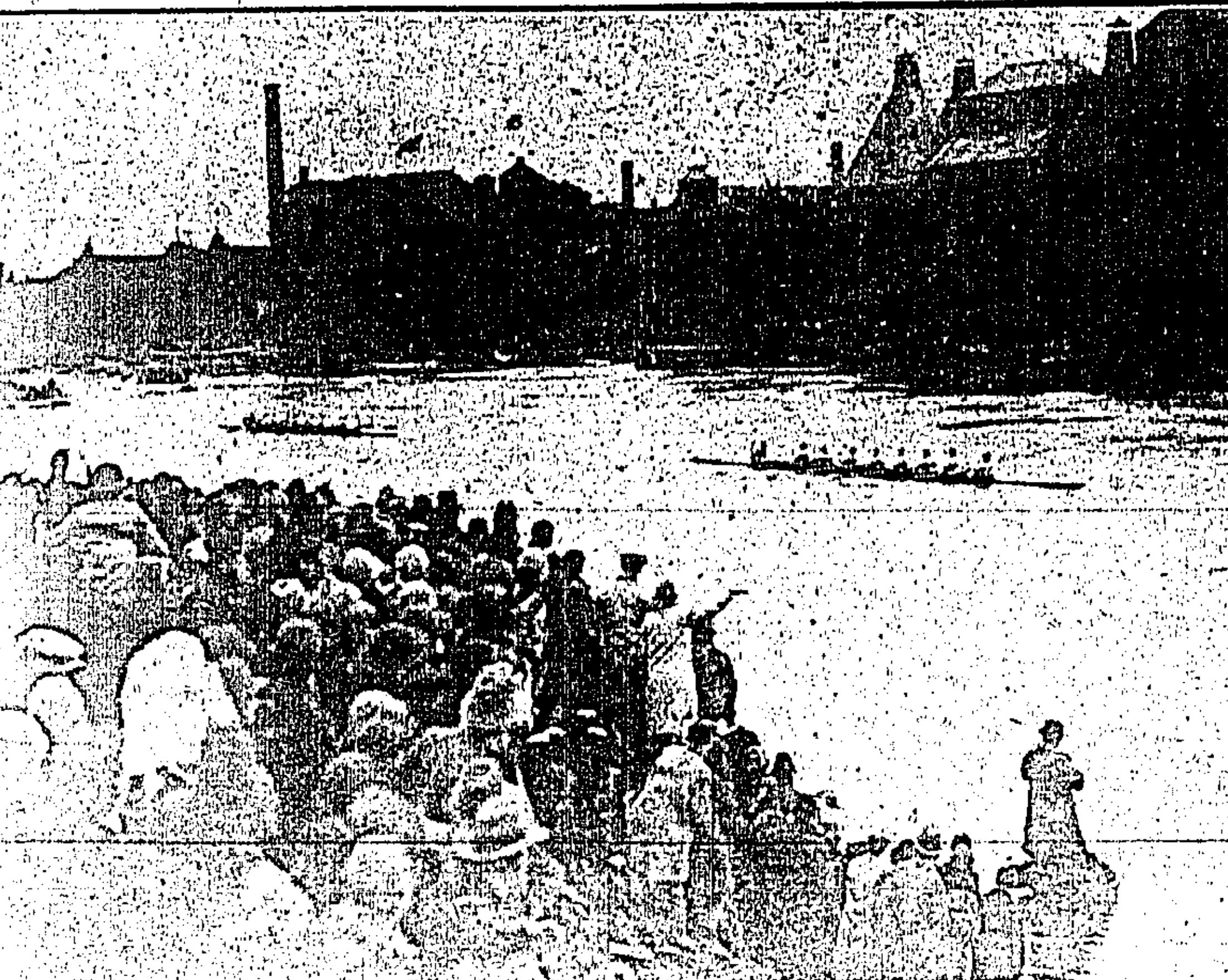
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## CAMBRIDGE WIN THE BOAT RACE.



Oxford holding a slight lead at Hammersmith Bridge.



Cambridge winning the Race by three lengths.

## ARTIFICIAL SILK.

### ACTRESS AS LONDON MANNEQUIN.

Sir Burton Chadwick, Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, last month opened the second Trade Exhibition of British Artificial Silk Goods at Holland Park Hall, London.

Sir Burton said that the chief impression left upon his mind after going round the exhibition was the great beauty of British workmanship. He believed that in the past twelve months a great advance had been made in the texture, colour, and design of artificial silks. "I am sure," he added, "that no industry in the world is so dependent upon the caprice of woman as the artificial silk industry." It had brought within the reach of those unable to afford real silk something which served the same purpose, so far as beauty and excellence of material were concerned, and its future was one of the bright spots in our industrial outlook.

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## WOMAN M.P.'S RETORT.

### ANGRY AT REFERENCE TO "SHE-MEN."

Ottawa.—A skirmish in which the only representative of the "weaker sex" in the Dominion House of Commons gave a good account of herself enlivened a debate on the estimates for National Defence.

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## IMITATION FURS.

All forms of real silk can now be duplicated in artificial silk—crepe-de-chine, marocain, jap, tafta, and foulard are followed so closely in texture and finish that only the expert eye could distinguish them from pure silk. Among the novelties of the exhibition are imitation furs which reproduce the effects of gazelle, leopard, and mole in soft and pliable materials. Here, too, are the latest developments in velvets and plushes. The combination of artificial silk with cotton or wool has reached a degree of perfection, and the cross-dyeing processes mark a definite advance.

New cloths and new colours bear striking testimony to the technical improvements in the industry. The unpleasing metallic lustre of certain kinds of artificial silk has been conquered, and in all classes of material a softer sheen is noticeable. Glass-printed fabrics resembling embroidery in beads, sequins, and diamants show the skill of designer and manufacturer.

Trade visitors to the exhibition yesterday found that a spirit of optimism prevailed concerning the past and future developments of British trade in this newest branch of the textile industry. At the 120 stands is shown merchandise in every stage of production from the yarn to the completed garment.

## FREE WHISKY.

### CASKS BURST ON GLASGOW STREET.

During the busiest part of the afternoon a lorry laden with five large barrels of whisky was proceeding down Stockwell Street, Glasgow, recently, when a tramcar swung up against the vehicle. The impact was so severe as to smash a wheel. This upset the lorry, and the contents slid down heavily on to the street. Three of the huge casks came down with such a crash that they burst, and the next instant the street was awash with the spirit.

The point at which the mishap occurred is near the river side, a few yards from the fish market, and the spectacle of gallons of good whisky running to waste (says the Glasgow correspondent of the Press Association) proved too sore a temptation. Quick as lightning, a few of the natives made a dash indoors, and next minute emerged with cups and tin cans, with which they scooped up the rapidly "disappearing" liquor, which by then had formed into a stream down the incline along the gutter and into a manhole.

Several workmen who were passing joined the work of salvage, and armed with flasks which had previously held their tea, eagerly refilled the tins and cans with a stronger brew. There were others who had neither cup nor flask.

Conscious that pleasures, like time and tide, wait for no man, they got down on their knees, and had a deep, deep draught. It was a wild Bacchanalian orgy, which attracted an ever-increasing number of participants.

The police arrived on the scene, but the stream was far spread and rapidly dwindling, and no preventive officer could have withheld the crowd as they scurried hither and thither. Some time later one man was observed demonstrating the Charleton, and he was promptly marched to the police station.

Several hundred dry Glasgow citizens were provided with free drinks from the gutter last month when three casks of whisky fell off a lorry which had come into collision with a tramway-car. A crowd, armed with flasks, cups, bottles, and all kinds of utensils was soon busy collecting the liquor.

## WHEN SILENCE WAS FATAL.

### HOW EX-KAISER MIGHT HAVE SAVED MONARCHY.

A startling account of events at the time of the abdication of the Kaiser and the inauguration of the German Republic on November 9, 1918, is contained in some preliminary extracts published from a book of memoirs shortly to appear by Prince Max von Baden, the last Chancellor under the old regime, who held office for only one month (writes a Berlin correspondent of *London Morning Post*.)

The Prince described his struggle, when each minute was of vital importance, to guide incipient mutiny and revolution along constitutional lines and if possible to save the Monarchy.

Things had already gone so far that the abdication of the Kaiser could no longer be prevented, but everything depended upon the way in which it was done. At eleven o'clock Prince Max received the news that the Kaiser had taken the decision, but he could not get into touch with Spa in order to obtain authority for its publication.

A formal abdication would be less productive of chaos than one enforced by the street mobs, and the Prince therefore determined on his own authority to announce the abdication, which he did by the famous Wolff Bureau message at 12 o'clock.

### "Too Late."

Prince Max was convinced that Herr Ebert was the only man who could deal with the situation, if the Communists were not to gain control, and accordingly he received a Socialist deputation under Herr Ebert, with whom he discussed the question of "Regency or substitutes" within the constitution, pending elections for a Constitutional assembly.

Herr Ebert agreed to the summoning of the National Assembly, and exacted from Prince Max the Chancellory, "though," he said, "it is a difficult office." When requested to come to the question of a Regency, Ebert said "It is now too late," the words "too late" being echoed by the other members of the deputation.

"How different it would have been for my freedom of action," adds Prince Max, "if I could have replied to the Socialist 'too late,' and that the Kaiser had appointed a substitute. It was the only solution that could straightway have produced a *fait accompli*." But there was no news from the Kaiser, so Prince Max could do nothing.

### H. Kaiser Had Spoken.

Between five and six o'clock in the evening Prince Max went to take leave of Herr Ebert who urgently requested him to remain as administrator of the Reich. The Prince declared that this was impossible owing to Ebert's associates. "At the door," he continues, "I turned once more and said, 'Herr Ebert, I lay down the German Reich to the mercy of your heart.' Herr Ebert replied, 'I have lost two sons in the war.'

"I have often since," adds Prince Max, "discussed with myself the question whether, if I had accepted the post of administrator on that day, I could have saved the Monarchy, and have always come back to the feeling that I could have taken this course if the Kaiser had appointed me as substitute. But my conscience could not have permitted me to carry out a *coup d'Etat*."

## DANCING GIRLS OF KASHMIR.

### ILLUMINATED BOATS FOR VICEROY.

Srinagar, Kashmir.—The Maharaja of Kashmir entertained the Viceroy of India and Lady Irwin at a banquet in the old palace on the banks of the Jhelum. Illuminations on the riverside made a scene of dazzling beauty, which was enhanced by the spectacle of illuminated boats floating silently down-stream in the moonlight and bearing Kashmiri dancing girls dressed in wonderful costumes. Theatricals were afterwards held in the Durbar Hall.

Speaking on future relations between the Indian States and British India, the Viceroy welcomed the chances of visiting the States to obtain an insight into their unique and profoundly absorbing problems. The time for decision had not come. Much clearing of the ground was necessary.

The Maharajah, in proposing Lord Irwin's health, expressed his keen regret that his offer to China had been declined, but he fully recognised the great responsibilities in a ruling State which guarded 100 miles of frontier "where three Empires meet."

## BOGUS ENGLISH NOBLEMAN.

### WOMEN VICTIMS CLAIM £100 RING.

New York.—Two women victims of Herbert Stanley, bogus English nobleman, faced each other in the Philadelphia court, claiming the possession of a diamond ring, valued £100.

Mrs. Margaret Hoffman, of Chicago, received the jury's verdict, requiring Mrs. Rose Burken, of New York, either to return the ring or pay £95 damages.

Mrs. Burken, who testified that she had so many diamonds that "I have a bookkeeper to count them," contended that the ring in question was the gift of her former husband.

Mrs. Hoffman insisted that it was part of the gems, worth £22,000, of which the bogus nobleman had defrauded her.

Stanley, brought from the cell where he is serving a year's imprisonment for swindling a Philadelphia woman, denied giving the ring to Mrs. Burken, but in face of the double denial, the jurors decided that Mrs. Hoffman was the rightful owner.

### END OF GREAT SALE.

### LIBRARY TOTAL EXCEEDS £600,000.

Last month saw the last lot in the Britwell Court Library sale knocked down at Messrs Sotheby's, London.

The long-drawn-out sale of nearly 12,000 lots, which first began in 1910, had occupied 67 days. Long as the period has been, it does not constitute a record, for it may be recalled that 202 days were occupied during 1834, 1835, and 1836 in the dispersal of the great Heber Library. It was from the sale of this collection that "Measure" Miller (as William Henry Miller, of Craigentinny, was called) formed the collection now scattered all over the world. No private library so valuable—for the grand total to-day stands at £568,622, 3s.—has ever been sold in this or any other country, and certainly none like it remains here to appear another day. The Britwell is a landmark in the history of our great private libraries.

The total is far in excess of the previous world's auction maximum, the £386,411 obtained in New York for the Hoe Library. The previous English saleroom record was the £278,498 realised for the Huth Library.

The Britwell total does not include the £30,000 given by the late Mr. G. D. Smith, of New York, for the Americana. In addition to this, the section dealing with theology was sold by private treaty to Messrs Quaritch, of London—the price is believed to have been in the neighbourhood of £7000. Then again, in May 1918, a selection mainly of early Spanish romances, appeared in Messrs Sotheby's rooms as "the property of a private collector." These came from Britwell Court.

American Purchases.

Of the grand total, no less than £285,670 represents purchases made by the late Mr. G. D. Smith and Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, and it is safe to assume that the majority of the literary prizes have gone to enrich the splendid library of Mr. Henry E. Huntington, the Californian millionaire, who has already bequeathed his collection to his native State. Who among those who have attended these Britwell sales will ever forget that great day in December 1919, when 108 books brought the huge sum of £110,355—of this total, Mr. G. D. Smith alone provided £84,705. This section included the little volume, originally found in the lumber rooms at Lampert Hall, containing the fourth edition of Shakespeare's "Venus and Adonis" 1599, bound in with the first edition of "The Passionate Pilgrim," which created a sensation by fetching £15,100, a figure which remained an auction maximum until last year, when Dr. Rosenbach, in the Anderson Galleries, New York, capped it by paying £21,000 for a copy of the "Mazarin Bible," belonging to a London bookseller.

The auctioneers' valuable sale catalogues are all that remain to remind us of the glory of the Britwell Library. These catalogues are to be shortly augmented by the issue of an alphabetical hand list of the English books. This is being compiled by Major Collman, who was librarian at Britwell Court.

The top price in the sale was £440, given for "A Proclamation for Setting the Plantation of Virginia," printed on two folio sheets, 1625. A first edition of James Thomson's "Summer," 1727, inscribed by the author "To him without whose generous approbation I have writ in vain. To Aaron Hill, Esq.," sold for £105. "A Proclamation Touching Tobacco" (9 April 1625) (2 sheets), with edges uncut, £120; another dated "February 17, 1620," £115 and a series of nine year books, all belonging to the reign of Edward III, £100.

## OPIUM POISONING.

## LENGTHY CROSS-EXAMINATION OF ANALYST.

Yesterday afternoon the enquiry was continued before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, into the death of a Chinese woman who passed away on the Government Civil Hospital on April 22.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong represented the husband of the deceased and Mr. M. K. Lo was present on behalf of the father.

The jury were Messrs. Geo. Anderson (Foreman), Chan Chungsang and Francisco B. Silva.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong produced the Government Analyst's certificate. According to this it was shown that the pills alleged to be supplied to the deceased woman by the father contained only 0.00036 grain of opium per pill.

Mr. Lo objected to the production of the certificate at that stage of the enquiry and said that if there was at any time any suspicion that death was caused or may have been caused by those pills, the police should have proceeded to the father's house and taken a sample from the stock which the man possessed. It was the father who had instructed Mr. Lo to see that an inquest was held and that the matter was thoroughly thrashed out. The pills given to the analyst were produced so many days after the woman's death and it was up to the police to find out if they were the same as the pills which the father of the deceased supplied.

## Possible Cause.

Mr. Lindsell intimated that that could be done after the case was adjourned for the next hearing.

Mr. Armstrong said that there was no suggestion as far as the husband was concerned that these pills intentionally caused death but inadvertently they may conceivably have caused death and he put forward the suggestion as conceivable and likely.

Li Pak-hoi, a Chinese medical practitioner who has been practising for the last 25 years in Hongkong and a few years previous to that in Canton and Fatshan, next went into the witness box. He stated that he visited the deceased woman for the first and only time in the morning of her death at about 9 a.m. The woman complained of pains in her stomach and also that her breath was rather fast. The woman complained of pains on both edges of her tongue. He wrote a prescription and afterwards saw a woman taking it into his drug shop to be compounded.

In reply to Mr. Armstrong the witness said that the woman had told him that in previous cases he had taken pills and had felt better. In his opinion the pains in the stomach were caused by indigestion. The pains in her tongue might have been due to her. He had never attended a case of opium poisoning and could not say at the time he visited the deceased whether she was suffering from opium poisoning.

Mr. Lo: She did not strike you that time as wanting to commit suicide?—No, not at all.

In answer to further questions witness said that he had heard of "Huen Lin". It was a Chinese medicine which was good for constipation if the patient was not heated. In other cases it would be worthless as a medicine.

## Analyst's Evidence.

Mr. David Loi, an assistant to the Government Analyst said that he translated the prescription written out by Li Pak-hoi. He could identify all the herbs named except two which he could not find in the list.

Mr. E. R. Dovey was the next witness called. He was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Lo. He said that on the 23rd April he received a bottle from the Government Civil Hospital labelled "Stomach Washings". The bottle contained a mixture of herbs. In the washings he found opium, the quantity being 5.25 grains. He also received some oiled herb mixture for examination, but he was not able to do very much in the way of identifying them. He tested the mixture for the commoner poisons, which included opium, with negative results. There might have been opium in the prescription, but then it would have been boiled out.

On April 23 from the Government Civil Hospital he received a quantity of *post mortem* material from the body of a Chinese female for examination. On examination it was found that there was opium in these various parts.

From the stomach walls there was a quantity of morphine extracted which was equivalent to 3 grains of Government prepared opium.

Mr. Lindsell: You found 5.25 grains in the stomach washings and 3.3 grains from the stomach walls. Now assuming that all this opium was taken at one time how much is the total amount she could have taken?—Twenty or thirty grains?

Continuing witness said that a whole quantity must have been

## SECOND OFFENCE.

## FIVE YEARS' HARD FOR ROBBERY.

An armed robbery, carried out by four men at a master carpenter's house at No. 8 Yuen Ming Street, formed the subject of a Criminal Sessions case yesterday afternoon, before the acting Justice of the Peace, Mr. P. Jacks. Only one man, Li San, was charged, and the others not having been traced, and he pleaded "not guilty".

Mr. H. K. Holmes prosecuted for the Crown.

In outlining the circumstances of the case, Mr. Holmes said the carpenter, Chan Sue, was employed with work at the Kum Wah restaurant, and on the morning of February 16th, they were working there. The men, including the prisoner, left at midday, but he (Chan Sue) stayed behind for the purpose of mixing some paint.

The robbery occurred at about 1.15 p.m. at the master's flat, in which were living his wife, another woman and an amah. The amah opened the door in response to a knock, and the prisoner, with three other men, entered. They produced knives, bound and gagged the inmates, using oranges and wire for gagging purposes, and then ransacked the place.

In the meantime the master had finished mixing the paint and when the men returned he noticed that the prisoner was not among them. He went home for tiffin, but on opening the door he was seized like the others. They took the key of his safe from his pocket and from it extracted \$60 in cash. When they left they also took some clothes with them.

The prisoner was arrested about two months later, but it had not been possible to trace the others. The prisoner told a rather long story in which he alleged that the master painter had a grudge against him with regard to some work, and had trumped up the charge.

The jury returned a verdict of "guilty" and after commenting that the prisoner had been convicted in 1926 for stealing, His Lordship sentenced him to a term of five years' hard labour.

taken at the very longest within twelve hours of her death.

On the 12th of May he received some pills from Messrs. Deacons in a sealed packet. He analysed them and found opium present as shown in the certificate which he produced.

## Opium Poisoning.

The certificate stated that the average weight of one pill was 1/5 grain and that the quantity of opium present was 18%, or about 0.00036 grains per pill. The document further stated that four grains of opium were usually regarded as the minimum fatal dose. To get this quantity of opium one would have to take 5.3 ounces of the pills.

Mr. Lo pointed out at this stage that even if the deceased had taken a hundred pills there would be only .036 grains of opium taken.

Mr. Armstrong caused a good deal of laughter by stating that it would be easier to get an idea of the quantity of opium in the pills by stating that 100,000 pills would contain 30 grains.

Mr. Dovey added that there was evidence to show that the opium found in the stomach was not the same as the opium found in the pills. The latter opium was of a persistent yellow colour.

In answer to Mr. Armstrong Mr. Dovey said that the opium could be taken with a glass of water or tea. If the woman was found unconscious then she must have taken the opium within one hour of the time she lost consciousness.

Mr. Lo: Supposing this lady was practically well at 9 o'clock, then she lost consciousness quite suddenly at 12 o'clock, can you definitely say that her death could not have been caused by the pills which you analysed?—I don't think anyone can die of poisoning from those pills.

Assuming that this lady did not commit suicide, assuming that she was poisoned—deliberately—can a sufficient quantity of opium be put into the cup of Chinese medicine and swallowed by this lady without her knowing it?—Yes, I think it would be quite easy.

Assuming that she did not in fact commit suicide but was poisoned, could you think of a more likely way to shove the poison into the bowl of Chinese medicine?

Mr. Lindsell: Mr. Dovey is here in the capacity of an analyst and I don't think your question is fair.

Mr. Lo to Mr. Dovey: So far as the whole of your evidence went it did not touch the possibility that the opium which caused this lady's death was put into the bowl. I mean, your evidence is not inconsistent with the opium being added into the bowl of medicine?

Mr. Lindsell: That is obvious.

The case was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon next, the 24th instant.

## MARINE ENQUIRY.

## YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S HEARING.

At yesterday afternoon's proceedings at the Marine Court of Enquiry at the Harbour Office to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of s.s. Leung Kwong on May 9, in Capsimun Pass, the case for the s.s. Leung Kwong was opened by Mr. Sheldon, his first witness being the pilot of the Leung Kwong.

Lo Tai, the pilot of Leung Kwong, stated that he had been employed on the run for five years. Leaving Hongkong at about 6.45 p.m. on May 9, the Leung Kwong was followed at a few minutes interval by Kwong Fook Cheong and On Lee. The Master and Chief Officer were both on the bridge on sailing, when the vessel proceeded to Capsimun at full speed, the weather being fair, wind South-east and sea choppy.

On reaching the western end of the channel the Captain was absent from the bridge and according to witness, was in his cabin. Witness first saw the Moonshine in the bay below the Capsimun red light, showing only her green light. She was close to the stone pier and witness imagined that the Moonshine was inshore for the purpose of picking up passengers from the nearby village.

On sighting the launch, witness sounded two blasts which in his rendering was that it indicated that both vessels should pass each other on their own starboard sides. The Moonshine did not reply and the Chief Officer ordered a further sounding of two blasts. About one minute later the Moonshine replied with two blasts. The ship's head during the interval of the blasts, was about Southwest.

After the first blast was made, the Chief Officer on duty ordered the engine room telegraphs to "stand by". Subsequently engines were stopped at which time the Leung Kwong was bows on to the beach, at about 60 feet off. The course of the Moonshine was at this time approximately South East by East 3/4 East. With the production of a chart, witness gave contradictory evidence of the positions of the respective ships from which little could be gathered.

## The Collision.

Witness further stated that the Leung Kwong was stopped at the time of the collision, heading Southwest. On hearing the Moonshine's sound signal, the Chief Officer ordered full speed astern, but as the telegraph handle was grasped, the collision took place, the red light of the Moonshine only at that moment having been observed, the Leung Kwong was struck abaft the bridge on the starboard side, and immediately commenced to fill and sink. No attempt was made to beach her.

The master of the Leung Kwong had been in his cabin only two or three minutes when the collision occurred and so far as witness knew, he did not return to the bridge before the ship sank, this taking place within five minutes. Witness jumped into the water and was picked up by Moonshine. He had at no time seen the Moonshine's port light. Mr. Jenkins, prior to cross examination, addressed the Court on the subject of evidence, which he said, had in the first place been all on the point of the Moonshine's position as given by the coxswain and had not been questioned. The evidence of the pilot just taken made out an entirely different case. It was a lawyer's quibble, but it was desirable that the attention of the Court should be drawn to this.

Witness under cross examination admitted that the Leung Kwong had sunk on the identical spot of the collision and that there had been practically no interval between the stopping of engines and the sounding of the second two blasts, and the collision.

## Ship's Position.

Prior to the collision the Moonshine was about 60 feet from the port bank of the channel and the Leung Kwong about the same distance. Only Captain Wilson, the Chief Officer and witness had been on the bridge up to the time of sounding the first two blasts. Up to the time of the Leung Kwong's alteration to the Western bank, making the first two blasts, the Moonshine had remained in the bay, said witness. The master gave no orders after his arrival on the bridge. Questioned by officers of the Court, witness stated that he had observed the red light of the island to the left of the starboard light of Moonshine. On both occasions of sounding two blasts, course had been altered to port but engines were never put astern. There was about one minute's interval between the sound signal of the Leung Kwong and the Moonshine's reply.

Mr. Dovey: That is obvious.

Mr. Lindsell: You found 5.25 grains in the stomach washings and 3.3 grains from the stomach walls. Now assuming that all this opium was taken at one time how much is the total amount she could have taken?—Twenty or thirty grains?

Continuing witness said that a whole quantity must have been

## ECONOMICS.

## RATIONALISATION EXPLAINED.

Geneva, May 18.

The Rationalisation of industry means, according to the drafting sub-committee that Governments, public institutions and professional and industrial organisations should promote standardisation and undertake investigations on an international scale with a view to ascertaining the most efficient methods of production and to encourage the interchange of information. Also that Governments are advised to take periodically a census of production along the lines laid down by the International Institute of Statistics.—Reuter.

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and cries for help were heard. Piracy was suspected but on close approach it was seen that the black mass was the Leung Kwong, sinking rapidly. The On Lee was close behind and witness informed her by megaphone of the disaster. Both vessels sent boats and picked up survivors, that of the Kwong Fook Cheong bringing back 11.

Captain Wilson was called from his cabin by the sounding of two dozen blasts, he reaching the bridge in time to see both side lights of the Moonshine about 10 feet off. Almost simultaneously a collision occurred, the Moonshine striking the Leung Kwong about 20 feet from the bow, slightly abaft the bridge. He knew nothing of what happened subsequently, as a falling spar struck him, rendering him incapable.

Mr. Sheldon again introduced the question of loss of life. It, he said, this was going to be gone into, he would put further questions to witness, but if on the other hand the subject was not within the court's terms of application then he would not press the point. Captain Wilson then stood down.

## Rescue Work.

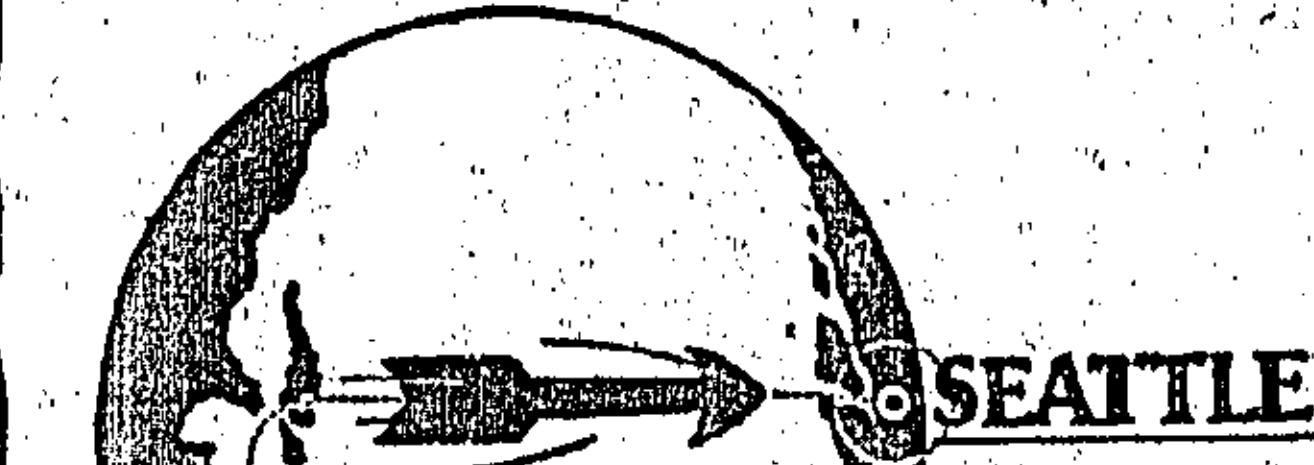
Captain Johnson of the Kwong Fook Cheong gave brief evidence of rescue work carried out by the ship under his orders. A black mass had been sighted close to the collision or after. The Kwong Fook Cheong was at that time about 1/4 mile from Leung Kwong.

This concluded yesterday's hearing. The Court adjourned until 10.30 a.m. this morning.

To-day's proceedings will be found on another page.

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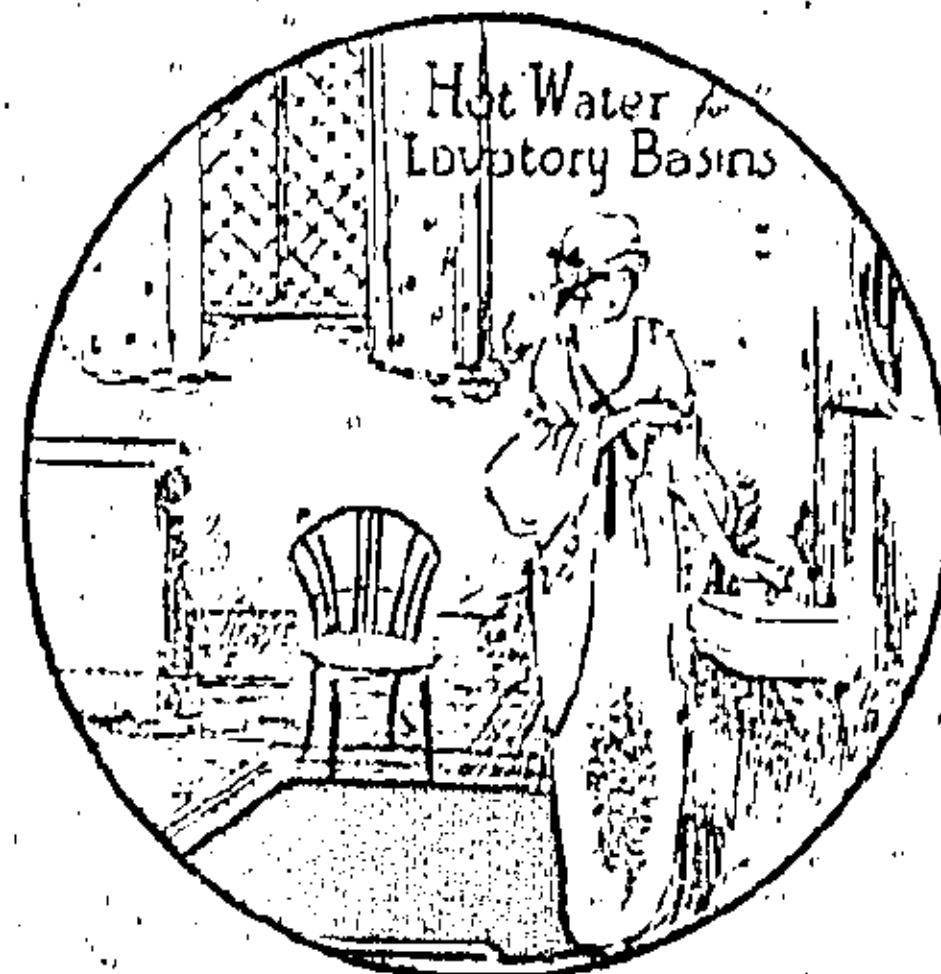
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### BLOCKADE THREAT.

#### AN INTERVIEW WITH EUGENE CHEN.

In view of Sir Austen Chamberlain's remark in the House of Commons that Mr. Eugene Chen and his Notes represented little more than his personal opinion, and that, therefore, it was not worth Great Britain's while to address a new Note to the Hankow Foreign Minister on the subject of sanctions for the Nanking outrage, the following interview which Mr. Chen granted to a foreign newspaper correspondent at Hankow is of considerable interest.

Mr. Eugene Chen, Hankow's Foreign Minister, declared that in the event of a blockade of the Yangtze the Powers would suffer more than the Nationalists because the latter would instantly convert the blockade into a vigorous boycott of the blockaders which might well endure for at least a generation. The Minister said that he does not think a blockade is possible unless "the world's gone mad," adding that if it happens "we still have rice, being sustaining, and can hold out indefinitely."

Chen voiced the popular query among Chinese as well as foreigners for the reason of the presence of more than 30 warships at Hankow, decrying the show of force as "an emphatic indication of the clutch of foreign imperialism at the throat of China." But he did not intimate that he was planning a protest. He asserted, however, that the warships "strengthen the hands" of Hankow, arousing the spirit of nationalism, and gaining support for the revolution, which, he said, seeks to end what is regarded as intolerable oppression and interference with the Chinese rule of their own country. "National power will be ours shortly. Unless America decides otherwise, we wish always to greet her as a friend who interposed the May doctrine, and secured some respite for the nation then under international pillage."

#### America's Mistake.

He declared that America is making a great mistake in following Great Britain in the Orient and pleads for "sanity among the Powers" in their attitude towards the Nationalist movement.

During more than an hour's interview, Chen was voluble, nervously. He is an energetic little man of middle age. He somewhat dramatically discussed the aims and aspirations of the Kuomintang—at least the section which is here. The interview was held in the spacious reception room of the offices of the old salt gabelle, near the Bund in the former German Concession.

#### Hankow Not Communistic.

Chen described Shanghai as "a centre of reaction and a haunt of political lepers, where one must either become a tool of foreign imperialism or, if one has nerve, come into armed conflict with it. The Nationalist objective can be achieved only by defeating the enemy on the front of decision followed by the Nationalist occupation of Peking, where historic wrongs must be redeemed and the period of national humiliation come to an end."

He added that the northern expedition continues its march on the "Mongolian encampment known as Peking, leaving other forces of the revolution to deal with the leprosy limb of Shanghai."

Chen scouted the idea that the Hankow Government is communistic "unless the great Nationalist task of destroying Chinese feudalism and freeing the country from foreign imperialism is an adventure in Communism," insisting on this not because of the desire "to solicit American assistance or even sympathy but in the interests of truth and historic amity between China and America." He said that Chiang Kai-shek's allegation of Communist domination at Wuhan is an attempt to confuse the point at issue.

The question is not Communism versus non-Communism, nor Kuomintang versus Communism. The actual issue is between Chiang Kai-shek and the Kuomintang and involves the entire basis of political thought and practice. The latter categorically rejects the feudal conception of a one-man government in favour of the alternative conception of a modern government resting on strong party foundations. Chiang Kai-shek, however, stands for personal authority and personal government. This is the real issue. And formulated on these terms there would be one decisive judgment from Nationalist China on the issue, namely, utter condemnation of Chiang Kai-shek. This explains his attempt to paint the issue red."

Chen declared that the defection of Chiang Kai-shek does not affect the position of the Nationalist Government vitally, declaring that its military strength is intact on the decisive front in Honan. "Among the forces on this front is the fourth army, known as the iron army, which conquered the way to Wuhan, and enabled the Nationalist Government to reach the Yangtze. We are entering the

### LORD BIRKENHEAD'S FIRST CIGARS.

#### PENNY EACH WHEN HE WAS 18.

Proposing the toast of "The Cigar Trade" at the second annual luncheon of the Cigar Merchants' Association, held in London recently, the Earl of Birkenhead said it was at the age of 18, when at Oxford, that he first acquired the habit of smoking cigars, which he had followed ever since with great fidelity.

The cigars he smoked at 18 were the best he ever smoked in his life, for they were made of French tobacco—(laughter)—and cost a penny each. Then he "knew no others" (Laughter.) A man with limited means could easily smoke ten or a dozen of them a day without experiencing financial stringency. (Laughter.)

The development of the cigar trade, he continued was a marvelous one. Anyone to-day who understood what a cigar was would never admit that those who smoked cigarettes or pipes smoked at all. They had crude and gross palates.

With regard to the coming Budget, said Lord Birkenhead, I am not aware what my colleague the Chancellor of the Exchequer is likely to submit to the Cabinet. I certainly think he ought to be an indulgent judge of your necessities. I know he smokes a very large number of cigars. I have carefully read certain of your arguments, and I think they ought to be clearly balanced and examined. More than that it would not be proper for me to say.

Continuing, Lord Birkenhead said the habit of smoking cigars was not likely to be acquired in later life. It must be a great blow to the cigar trade if the duty made it impossible for the trade to produce a cigar at a reasonable price. The question here was a financial one and would, no doubt, receive serious Treasury consideration.

It must be realised that any article of luxury which is taxed to such an extent that it reduces the consumption defeats the objects of the tax.

Final stage of the campaign. That is realising the objective of the northern expedition—conquest, national power, authority. This we could not encompass at Shanghai, Chen added.

#### Defeat Own Ends.

Returning to the question of the attitude of the Powers towards China at present, Chen, in response to a question, asserted that the Powers are defeating their own ends in sending troops to Shanghai. "You seek to defend property and lives but you are creating more hard feeling among the masses than all our propaganda ever could. It is this foreign imperialism we are against. We want a free government and desire to end the super-government now misusing China in the guise of Peking diplomats and run our own nation. The United States is making a great error in following the British in China. We want to retain the traditional friendship of the American people but the Washington policy does not live up to the kindly words of individuals. This, I think, is largely because certain members of the American Legation and some Americans here are more anti-Nationalist than the typical British die-hard."

Chen said Hankow is chiefly concerned with two things at present, namely the military campaign and the economic situation. He said that the labour unions are undertaking to control the workers, seeking to influence them not to make uneconomic demands. "We, as well as the unions, are telling the workers it is inadvisable to seek, for example, a hundred per cent. increase of wages forthwith. We favour a gradual rise in the labour scale." He said that the unions had agreed to a more rational policy.

#### Foreigners Needed.

Chen said the Chinese want the foreigners to remain. He said that the Nationalists are not anti-foreign but decidedly anti-imperialist and added that if the foreigners believe China is too dangerous during the revolution they may leave." But he did not advise the departure, stating that the Nationalists offer adequate protection.

Asked about Nanking, Chen replied that it is still a moot question. Hankow is not ready to accept guilt. Certainly there is no allegation against the Nationalist authorities of a "deliberately organized anti-foreign attack and looting. We must have an inquiry into the Nanking affair, as suggested in my note. It is the only civilized way to settle the question of guilt. There should be no objection to such a plan." He again intimated the theory discarded by foreigners that Northerners might prove to have been guilty, adding "approximately 30,000 Northerners were captured on the night of March 24, as well as the next day inside the walls of Nanking."

### LAWN TENNIS.

#### EXHIBITION MATCHES ON H.K.C.C. GROUND.

Twice postponed on account of unfavourable weather, the exhibition matches in aid of the Hongkong Women's Guild and Ministering Children's League were played on the stand court at the Hongkong Cricket Club ground yesterday afternoon. The threatening weather doubtless affected the attendance, but with the exception of one short shower during the mixed doubles, rain did not interfere seriously with the games.

Mr. R. E. Lindsell efficiently discharged the duties of umpire.

Both matches were very evenly contested, and having regard to the slippery state of the court, heavy balls and bad light the tennis was quite good, particularly in the men's doubles.

Major Lucas and Mrs. Tottenham beat M. K. Lo and Miss Enid Lo 6-3, 6-4. This is the first occasion on which Miss Lo has played in public on the Cricket Club ground, and she is to be congratulated upon putting up a very good exhibition. Although leaving most of the work to her partner, she lobbed effectively and volleyed well when occasion demanded. There was very little between the pairs, and it would have been no surprise had it gone to three sets. Mrs. Tottenham played excellently all the way through, driving well from the baseline and placing excellently. Her partner was inclined to be erratic, but did a lot of good things, smashing with heavy abandon whenever he had an opportunity and puzzling his opponents with a difficult twisting service. M. K. Lo was consistent and at the four. He also served very well, and it was hard luck that many of his first services were only a fraction outside the line.

Men's Doubles.

In the second game, S. A. Rumjahn and H. D. Rumjahn beat Colonel Russell Brown and R. E. Tottenham 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 6-4. All four were in their best form, and the games were keenly contested, many going to deuce several times before they were eventually won. The Rumjahns excelled at the net, where they volleyed and smashed with their accustomed power. Colonel Russell Brown showed up prominently with some forceful chop strokes and Tottenham's placing always kept his opponents guessing. The third and fourth games produced tennis of high standard, frequently brilliant.

The Rumjahns started badly in all four sets, but they always picked up. At first they were inclined to take things easily, but were fully extended towards the end.

At the conclusion of the games Mrs. Southern presented the ladies and the winners of the men's doubles with small souvenirs, and congratulated them on the excellent tennis they had put up.

Exhibition Game.

A doubles tennis match will take place to-morrow at the H. K. C. C. ground (stand court) between Ng Sze-kwong and T. Honda and the Rumjahn Cousins in aid of the Indian Recreation Club pavilion funds.

### TOO MANY DARING PLAYS?

#### "EVERY NEW ONE HAS TO GO BIT FURTHER."

"There is a distinct danger at the present moment of the British stage becoming a sink of sexuality. To be successful every new play has to go a bit further—has to be more daring (it used to be spelt indecency.)"

This statement was made by Mr. Jerome K. Jerome in a speech from the stage of Bristol's "Little Theatre" the other day. He blamed the large theatre, "which has to cater for the mob," in order to pay expenses, and advocated the establishment of little theatres everywhere.

A play, to be successful in London, must draw something approaching \$2,000 a week, and when like that come pouring in through the box office window art flies out at the stage door.

The theatre must set to work to educate its patrons. The big theatre dare not risk it. As a friend of mine, a London manager, said to me only a little while ago, "My expenses are fifteen hundred pounds a week, and I cannot afford art."

The big manager does not ask whether a play is good or bad. He asks, "Has it got a punch in it? Will it bring them in?" By "them," of course, he means the great unthinking—the people who regard the theatre as an interlude between a dinner and a dance—the people who go to the theatre in the hope of having their animal appetites tickled, their animal passions excited—by "sensationalism, by sexuality. An appetite grows by what it feeds on."

London, a Pleasure City.

A modern Euripides, adapting Homer for the stage and dreams of a popular success would cut out all the Troy business, and come straight to the misconduct; and the American producer would, one feels confident, give to the film version some title such as "Up in Helen's Rooms."

There is another reason why nothing else but the commercial drama can hope to win through in London. London has become the pleasure city of the world. It is the foreigners, the hours of provincials up for a spree, the Americans fleeing from prohibition, the people who are the main support of London's West End theatres. They are—no blame to them—in holiday mood.

In the provinces expenses can be kept within limit. The little theatre gets known. It enters into the life of the town. It is not one small lamp surrounded by a hundred flaring rivals. It does not have to advertise. It does not have to engage matinee idols and low comedians at salaries to make

### "RED" TRIAL SCENE

#### TRICK TO OVER-IDE COURT-MARTIAL

Vienna.—Professor Ruste Vambery, who is legal adviser to the British Legation at Budapest and a noted writer, created a scene at the trial by court-martial of Zoltain Szanto and others charged with conspiring to restore the Bolshevik Government in Hungary under the direction of the Russian Soviets.

Prof. Vambery and 29 other advocates are defending the accused men, and their plan was to fill three days with speeches so that the trial must be transferred to a civil court, because every court-martial must conclude on the third day.

The President of the court decided that the defending advocates could not be heard. The Public Prosecutor thereupon began reading, when Prof. Vambery rose excitedly and cried: "In the name of liberty I protest against this procedure, and in the name of the sacredness of human justice against silencing the advocates for the defence."

The President said he would decide later whether the accused men had treasonably rebelled or had only made preparations, in which latter event the civil courts would take over the case.

An imitation fur, with resin as its chief constituent in manufacture, is being developed to such an extent that chemists believe it will replace natural fur. The material can be made in any colour and has all the appearance and lasting qualities of animal fur.

As a judge's mouth water. The heroines' dresses have not to be made by Lucille or Paquin.

Art and Charity.

Good plays, good all round acting is all that is demanded of it. With any sort of luck it ought to pay its way. That, as it seems to me, is the essence of the contract. Art cannot live on charity. To justify its existence it must earn its own living.

That is the law, and all honest things must conform to it. A subsidised theatre would not replace one civil by another. The Sunday clubs do clever work, but the partake too much of the character of secret societies. Art, to be healthy, must breathe the open air.

I should like to see a little theatre in every town of more than 40,000 souls. And it could be done. Local patriotism would surely help.

At the present moment half the theatres in London are controlled from America. The other half soon will be. That the danger is not imaginary is proved by what has happened in the case of the cinema.

### ANTIQUES!



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## MITCHELL WINS AT ROEHAMPTON.

## BRILLIANT DISPLAY OF GOLF.

Abe Mitchell beat Ernest Whitcombe by 3 up and 1 to play in the 18-holes final of the annual tournament for £200 on the Roehampton course at Barnes in small week.

If Mitchell can reproduce his form of this match when he leads the British attack on the United States open championship in June there ought to be a very considerable chance of the honours being brought to this country. In the blending of grace, power, and control he stands out as the player of a generation, almost as Harry Vardon did a quarter of a century ago although, for some strange reason, he has not yet won a championship.

The final produced a remarkable display of golf, in which Whitcombe, after losing six of the first seven holes and being still six down with eight to play, fought such a great uphill fight as to give Mitchell a real shaking.

When, at the 16th hole (435 yards), Whitcombe reduced his deficit to 2 by running down a putt of 20 yards, the big crowd buzzed with excitement at the possibility of seeing him yet emerge successfully from a position that had looked utterly hopeless.

At the 17th, however, he was bunkered, and Mitchell placed the issue beyond doubt by laying his tee shot of 225 yards close to the pin.

## Cup Won Outright.

It was not that Mitchell lost his form at any stage. That is proved by the fact that his score for the 17 holes was six under 4s—34 out and then 28 for the next eight holes, during which his long lead was fast slipping away from him.

Whitcombe, plump, placid, and cheerful in the face of any adversity, could do nothing right for a long while, and he seemed to derive the inspiration to attack when, at the 10th, where he was bunkered and looked like becoming 7 down, he holed a putt of three yards for a half.

He won four of the next six holes, and beaten though he was in the end, he emerged from a desperate ordeal with much credit.

Out in 41, Whitcombe had seven 3's and one 4 for the rest of the match.

Even on a short course of 5,785 yards the scoring was extra ordinarily good.

Mitchell makes the challenge cup his own property, having secured it twice. Gold and silver medals were presented to all the winners and runners-up in the tournament from the time of its institution in 1920.

## Semi-Final.

Abe Mitchell, Private (St. Albans), holder, bt. F. C. Jewell, Greystoke, 5 and 4.

E. R. Whitcombe, Meyrick Park (Bournemouth) bt. H. C. Jolly, Foxgrove, at the 20th.

## Final.

Mitchell bt. Whitcombe 3 and 1.

## U. S. TENTH IN LITERACY.

## HAS 5,000,000 ADULT ILLITERATES.

Washington, April 30.—The United States is tenth in literacy among nations of the world, with nearly 5,000,000 adult illiterates, who confess they can neither read nor write.

In an effort to lessen this number before the 1930 census, the General Federation of Women's Clubs is now making a national survey of one county in each state to the end that illiterates may be taught to read and write before the census.

"After trying all the sources from which information in regard to illiterates might logically be expected," said Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morris, director of schools in Buncombe County, N. C., who is directing the survey, "we persuaded an interested pupil to join us in a house-to-house pilgrimage. From these visits have come five-sixths of the pupils."

"However, other sources that yield some illiterates include: federal census, principals of schools, school children, tax lists, mill and factory owners, associated charities, juvenile court, jail, health department, storekeepers, public spirited citizens, postmasters, banks and labour unions."

Early reports indicate that the success of the work in "single counties" will probably result in State authorities taking up the work where club women leave off, Mrs. Lawson said. This will make the listing and teaching of illiterates state-wide, and subsequently nation-wide in scope, she believes.

## BIG U. S. ARMY EXERCISES.

## HUGE CONCENTRATIONS THIS MONTH.

San Antonio, Tex., Apr. 22.—Plans have been completed for the special army manoeuvres in this corps area May 11-21 in which the largest air force ever concentrated in this country, comprising 100 planes, will participate.

Land troops will include the Second Division under Major General William D. Conner. It is the crack division of the army and the only one up to full war time strength.

Supplementary manoeuvres will probably be held by the five cavalry regiments, stationed along the Mexican border, though the final secrecy is being observed regarding that part of the plan.

The San Antonio manoeuvres, under command of Major General Ernest Hinds, Eight Corps Area commander, will have two phases.

The first phase will involve participation of all ground and air forces on the same side, designed to develop staff functioning and the conduct of operations of large units in pursuance of the general plan of the commanding general.

In the second phase a part of the air units will operate in attack on the ground troops and positions, special attention being given to the problem of aviation offense and the counter measures taken by ground and defensive air forces.

Plans for the Air Corps concentration, prepared by Major General Mason M. Patrick, chief of air corps, call for participation of 30 pursuit planes, 20 attack planes, 20 bombing planes, 13 observation planes, 12 army air transports, and four staff planes, all under direct command of Brig.-Gen. James E. Fecat.

## Test of Aircraft.

Of almost equal importance with the actual manoeuvres is the test of aircraft involved in bringing the air units from stations all over the country. It is estimated that 475,000 air miles will be flown by the time the planes return to their home hangars.

Trudeo Davison, Assistant Secretary of War for Aviation, describes the purpose of the air manoeuvres as follows:

"First, to give staff officers opportunity to handle air units composed of all types of combat planes.

"Secondly, to enable the personnel of one air unit class to study the effectiveness of other types.

"Thirdly, to test adequacy of bombing and attack formations by having them attacked by pursuit formations.

"Fourthly, to give air and ground forces an opportunity of studying their respective methods of operation.

"Another important object is to ascertain how well several groups of planes can carry out cross-country flights, ranging from 1,500 to 2,100 miles on pre-arranged time-tables. The movements as planned run on express schedule with narrow margins for possible unfavourable weather and other obstacles. In war, such obstacles would be disregarded, but in manoeuvres the programme will not permit practices that unduly endanger lives and property."

## BOBBED HAIR CLUE.

## ARREST AT WEST POINT.

## SLAYER OF SIKH CHIEF TO HANG.

Shanghai, May 18.—Harbant Singh, the self-confessed murderer of Sirdar Buddha Singh, the chief of Sikh police, was sentenced to death by Judge Peter Grain at the Supreme Court this afternoon. Ten Sikhs were remanded on the charge of being accessory before the fact, including two notorious seditionists.

The murder is considered to be the outcome of an inter-sect dispute.

While playing her piano in her apartment at Mansfield, the wife of a town councilman was astonished when the instrument, without warning, dropped through the floor. The house was built only three years ago. "And I was only playing light music, too," the woman said. "I would probably have wrecked the entire building with Rachmaninoff's Prelude."

This story led to the arrest of the lady with the bobbed hair who, at first, denied the larceny but was identified by the fok of the pawnshop.

Bootleggers and their customers as well as ministers, physicians, dentists, ball players, soldiers and acrobats hereafter will be unable to buy accident insurance, the Accident Underwriters' Association has ruled, in Chicago. Physicians, ministers and dentists are too often in contact with disease, the others are included in the "extra-hazardous" class.

## INTERNATIONAL MUSIC.

## BIG GATHERING AT GENEVA.

Geneva, April 28.—The first international exposition of music opened here to-day under the auspices of the higher officials of the League of Nations, the International Labour Bureau, the Swiss Federal Government and the Canton of Geneva.

The exposition, which is also under the patronage of virtually all of the leading musicians of the world, will continue till May 22.

The exposition proper comprises collections of everything pertaining to the history and development of all phases of music from the earliest days down to the invention of the latest jazz.

Rare instruments have been loaned for the occasion from all of the principal collections and museums of the world.

Another section is given over to everything pertaining to the progress in the writing and printing of music.

Still another section is replete with souvenirs and relics of all the world's greatest composers and musicians.

## Famous Orchestras.

During the course of the exposition concerts are to be given by all of the more famous symphony orchestras of Europe under their equally famous director. These include the Auguste orchestra of Rome under Molinari; the Concertgebouw of Amsterdam under Mengelberg; the orchestra of the Paris Conservatory under Gaubert, and the Dresden orchestra under Fritz Busch.

Similarly, operatic representations will be given by the leading operatic organizations of Europe with their own casts and orchestras.

Among the various prizes to be awarded is a \$1,000 prize for the international piano championship, the contestants being limited to seven or eight minutes for playing selections of their own choice.

Among the various artists engaged for the occasion is Mary Garden who will sing the role of Melisande in the production of Pelleas and Melisande by the Paris opera troupe and the orchestra of the Paris Conservatory under the direction of Monsieur Messager.

## Rhythmic Dances.

Grand productions of rhythmic dancing will also be given by the famous Jaques Dalcroze institute.

Among the leading composers and musicians of the world who are participating in making a success of the exposition are Maurice d'Indy, Maurice Ravel and Roman Rolland for France; Richard Strauss and Dr. Hans Pfitzner of Germany; Lord Berners and Edward J. Dent of England; Ignace Paderewski of Poland; Joseph Jongel of Belgium; Ottorino Respighi of Italy; Arnold Schoenberg of Austria; Igor Stravinsky of Russia; Ernest Schelling of the United States; Vitezslav Novak of Czechoslovakia; Wil Mengelberg of Holland; Jan Sibelius of Finland; Manuel de Falla of Spain; Fritz Brun, Jacques Dalcroze, Otto Barblan, Vilmar Andrae, Jean Bartheolini, Gustav Berrari, Emile Lauber, Carl Nef-Lavater and Arthur Hongger of Switzerland.

After further deliberations the order was issued: "Troops not to make use of weapons even for the protection of buildings." The Secretary of State then asked Ebert: "Are you ready to accept the post of Chancellor?" Ebert answered, "It is a difficult task, but I am ready."

Prince Max relates how he tried to approach the discussion of the question of a regent in the Kaiser's place, but Herr Ebert and his friends answered in a body, "It is too late, too late," as there was no authority from the Kaiser himself. "How differently things might have turned out," he remarks gloomily, "had the Kaiser but nominated some one as his deputy!"

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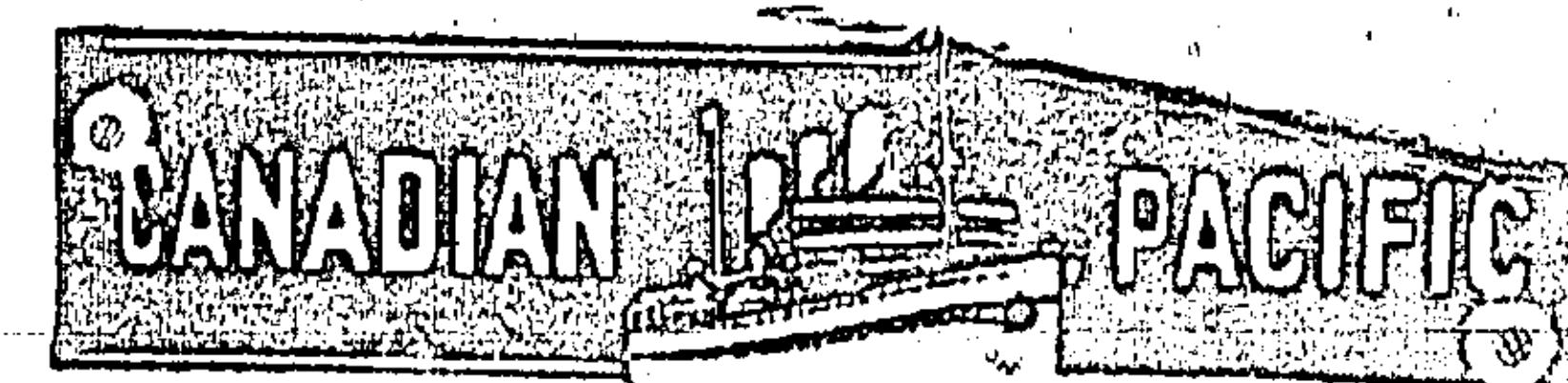
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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Aug. 24	Aug. 27	Aug. 30	Sept. 2	Sept. 11	
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Sept. 14	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Oct. 2	
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### JUNK PIRACY.

#### TIMELY APPEARANCE OF POLICE LAUNCH.

In the vicinity of the Nine Pins Island on April 26 a trading junk plying between Shaukwan and Sam Mun, was pirated and but for the appearance of a Police launch, on the scene members of the crew might have been kidnapped.

The pirates abandoned their efforts, and attempted to flee, but were pursued by the Police, and four men were arrested on board.

The four men were brought before the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday on charges of robbery on the high seas. Mr. F. H. Losby

appeared on behalf of the defendants and entered a formal plea of not guilty.

Sub-inspector Dorling prosecuted, and in relating the piracy to his Worship said that the two complainants were part owners in a trading junk No. 656 which was a boat of 75 piculs trading between Sam Mun and Shaukwan. Car-

goes of fish were purchased from the fishermen at the former place and brought to the Colony

for sale.

On April 26, the boat left, as usual at 5.30 a.m. on its trip to Sam Mun. At 11 o'clock, the boat was within ten minutes of the Nine Pins Island, when another junk came up from behind, with four men on board. One of the men shouted from the bow to the trading junk to stop, which order was immediately obeyed.

The pirate boat went alongside the other craft and one of the four men, who was armed with a long knife, boarded the trading junk in the laboratory, and he is probably now the only man in London anxiously awaiting a real "pea souper" so that a big test may be carried out.

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time.

The two boats had proceeded in that manner for about half an hour when a launch was sighted in the distance. The complainants later recognised the launch as the No. 4 Police launch.

The speed of the junk was then quickened and it was supposed that the pirates also recognised the launch, as they turned round and retraced their course.

The victimised junk, on approaching the Police launch made a report of the occurrence and the Police gave chase to the pirates.

On nearing the Nine Pins Island, the boat was picked up and the four men arrested.

The case was adjourned.

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## MARINE ENQUIRY.

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saloon, 11 or 12 Chinese cabin, 30 second class, and probably about 80 steerage.

Lo Tal, the pilot of the Leung Kwong, recalled, stated that he always navigated the Capstumun channel according to the rule of the road. He invariably took the lighthouse side of the channel. There were invariably junks on the other side of the channel when the tide was ebbing, but they used both sides of the channel. With the tide against them, they tacked to and fro across the Pass.

## Sound Signals.

Mr. Sheldon requested the Court's permission to re-call the coxswain of the Moonshine, specifically to question him on the point of sound signals by the Leung Kwong.

Li Hui, re-called, stated in reply to questions put by the President, that he heard a signal of two blasts on one occasion only, this being made after the Moonshine's signal.

Mr. Sheldon, addressing the Court, admitted that the collision had taken place to the South side of the Channel, but the point of contention was that the Moonshine had been in Ma Wan Bay when the Leung Kwong entered the South part of the channel, showing only her green light.

According to the evidence of the coxswain of the Moonshine, he had been steering towards Point 25, proving that he must have been on the Northern side, and the pilot and quartermaster of the Leung Kwong remained unshaken on this point.

It appeared then that the Moonshine was crossing over to her right side of the channel ahead and the Leung Kwong altered to port. According to distances given by all witnesses, these would prove that when the alterations of course were made by the Moonshine, a collision was inevitable.

On the credibility of witnesses, he would draw attention to the denial of the Moonshine's coxswain of any knowledge of a stone pier in Ma Wan Bay, probably because he wished to be dissociated from the North Bank in entirety.

## Evidence Recapitulated.

Mr. Bennett's outlining of the facts for the Moonshine, drew attention to the evidence of the various parties. That of the coxswain of the Moonshine was connected and detailed, that of the Leung Kwong's crew was not, counsel contended.

Facts of the coxswain's examination in chief were then recapitulated, and compared with the story of the disaster as told by the Leung Kwong's pilot. The Moonshine detailed all movements of the Leung Kwong, while the Leung Kwong could not account for any movement of the Moonshine from the time of sighting in Ma Wan Bay, until she was seen in the middle of the Channel.

According to the position as given by the Leung Kwong, the Moonshine must have travelled twice the distance of the sunken ship in one minute and a half, from Ma Wan Bay to the point of collision.

If the Leung Kwong story was correct she was still in the wrong. Being a "crossing" ship, having another on her starboard side, she should have kept clear, added counsel.

In the matter of sound signals, Captain Wilson, the master of the Kwong Fook Cheong, and the coxswain of the Moonshine, all agreed that only one set of signals had been made.

The story of tide runs, as given by the Leung Kwong pilot, was wrong, this being proved by an extract of the local tables for the period.

In conclusion, said counsel, if at any time the Moonshine had been in Ma Wan Bay, it would have been a perfectly simple matter for evidence to be produced from that locality to the Leung Kwong.

The Court then adjourned until 2.30 to consider the finding.

The Court found that the Moonshine was navigated in proper manner and that no blame was attaching to the coxswain, Laf Hung.

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FOUR CHINESE FINED.

A raid carried out by Sub-Inspector Shafrazi on No. 160, Third Street, resulted in four Chinese being brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning charged with keeping a *po piu* printing establishment.

The first man was fined \$250, or in default four months' hard labour. The second and third defendants were fined \$50, or three months' hard labour, and the last man \$25 or one month.

Among the things seized in the raid was a complete printing outfit suitable for the manufacturing of *po piu* tickets.

EARLY MORNING  
ROBBERY.WOMEN GAGGED WITH  
POTATOES.

The story of how three Chinese gained entrance to a house at No. 8, Star Street, near Queen's Road East, at three o'clock in the morning, and got away with numerous articles and \$15 in money, was told at the Criminal Sessions this morning, before the acting Puisne Judge, Mr. P. Jacks, when two men, Wu Fuk and Lam King-cho, were charged in connexion with the robbery.

The articles stolen included six bangles, seven head-dress rings, ten pearls, hairpin, ear pick, eight pieces of clothing, nine rings, and \$15 in money.

Mr. H. K. Holmes prosecuted for the Crown, and the prisoners denied the charges.

In outlining the circumstances, Mr. Holmes said a married woman named Yu Yuk-kwong, living at 8, Star Street, was awakened at three o'clock on the morning of April 6 by a hand grasping her throat. She tried to call for help, but was threatened by a man who held a dagger, and who was with two others. Two of the men took in active part in the robbery, while the third man appeared to be guarding the door.

The woman was gagged with a sweet-potato, which was fixed into her mouth by means of wire. On the same floor were living her grandmother and her small daughter. The men also secured the old woman, and removed a ring from her finger, but they did not molest the daughter.

## Dagger Found.

The men then proceeded to ransack the place, and the articles mentioned in the charge were afterwards found to be missing. They left about five o'clock, after which the woman Yu freed herself with difficulty and raised an alarm. On arriving, the police found a dagger on the premises, also sweet-potatoes and wire.

The first prisoner was arrested ten days later, when he told the police that if they would wait a bit the second man would come. The police accordingly waited, and when the second man appeared he was also arrested.

Mr. Holmes said that was about the only evidence they had against the first prisoner, because the women were unable to identify him although the electric lights were on at the time. They were, however, able to identify the second man. Mr. Holmes remarked that as No. 2 seemed to be definitely one of the men who took part, the first man's remark seemed to show he was a confederate. The two men took the police to a pawn shop, where two articles of property were recovered, but the pawnbroker was unable to remember who took the articles there.

When charged at the Police Court, the first prisoner said he had nothing to say, and added that those who ran away took the articles. The second prisoner, in his statement, denied that he carried a dagger.

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Meanwhile, the Nationalist Government will do all in its power to protect foreign life and property according to the generally accepted rules of international law.

The resentment of the Chinese to the foreigner is not to him individually but to the system under which he lives.

The Chinese object, not to the presence of the foreigners, but to his position of privilege.

They consider that the foreigner should be placed on a footing of equality with the people among whom he has voluntarily chosen to live and trade.

## Privileges of Foreigners.

In the forthcoming negotiations for the abrogation of the special privileges of foreigners in China, the Nationalist Government trusts that the foreign governments and peoples will display farsighted statesmanship and practical wisdom in the solution of the outstanding problem of the world today.

The Chinese people, irrespective of geographical situation and political creed, are all united in demanding international justice and fair play. In the interest of the peace and welfare of the world, such a simple and reasonable request by a quarter of the human race ought not to be made in vain.

## MORTGAGE CASE.

SECOND DEFENDANT  
QUESTIONED.

The second defendant in the mortgage case, Kan Tong-po, gave evidence in the Supreme Court this morning, before the acting Chief Justice, Mr. J. R. Wood, when the case was continued after being adjourned over yesterday for Criminal Sessions cases.

The plaintiffs, Lo Kwong-lam and Lo Kwong-hin, ask for a mortgage of \$400,000 on Hongkong property to be set aside on the grounds that they were infants at the time of signing, February 10th 1926.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., with Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Mr. D. L. Strellet, is for the plaintiffs and Mr. F. C. Jenkins, instructed by Mr. G. G. N. Tinson is defending.

The plaintiffs allege they did not understand the papers they signed, believing that they would not get their share of the money if they did not sign. The defence allege the plaintiffs were of age at all material times, and make an allegation of fraudulent representation of age. This morning's cross-examination was mainly confined to questions as to documents being explained, and to the question of age.

In reply to Mr. Jenkins, Kan Tong-po said he entrusted the whole of the matter to Mr. Hooper, of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master, and placed money in his hands for the purpose of paying it over when everything was in order.

He recollects going to Mr. Davidson's office on February 10th, 1925, and when he arrived there, he saw Mr. Hooper, Li Koon-chun and others including an interpreter named Sung and the brothers. He said Sung was explaining the contents of documents which he held, and heard him mention the names of the mortgagors, the mortgagees, and that the interest was to be charged on the four lakhs.

He heard Li Koon-chun ask an interpreter named Leung Wing-chung whether all the five brothers were of age and Leung replied in the affirmative. Li Koon-chun then pointed to Lo Kwong-lam and asked the same question, receiving an answer in the affirmative.

Relying to Mr. Potter, defendant said Li Koon-chun asked the question in an ordinary way, and the witness heard quite well because he was standing next to Li.

Mr. Potter remarked that Li had asked the ages in a whisper. He wanted to make sure that there had not been a mis-understanding.

Mr. Potter pressed the defendant on the point as to whether one or two questions were asked, and defendant replied that only one was asked.

He said he did not use his interpreter to check the ages, because he left the whole matter to Mr. Hooper.

Mr. Potter—You know that there is a suggestion in this case that Lo Kwong-lam fraudulently represented himself to be 21 years of age?—Yes.

Will you give His Lordship any possible motive why this plaintiff should have falsely mis-stated his age on that occasion?

Defendant did not answer.

The case is proceeding.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

1. An assistant Bishop in an extensive diocese. 2. This was first used in the 12th century at Arles. 3. An image of Jesus set up in Troy, which city was regarded as safe so long as the image remained there. 4. Burdened with Governmental expenses. 5. The head of the Household, which contained and passed accounts. 6. From the black and white walled alleys which existed originally from El Tabbal, near Beirut. 7. The capital of Norway. 8. In 1832. 9. Stars and planets move in regular orbits. 10. In 1176, under Henry II. 11. The military caste of Japan. 12. Believed that the peach blossom is subordinate to the cherry. 13. Mars is of two moons. 14. Phobos is ten miles in diameter and Delos thirty-five. 15. The "Jinshu" and "Shinsen" characters grow downward from the root of a cava. 16. Alkalimites upwards from the floor.



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